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DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

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"The seminar was extremely valuable and practical and I came away with a number of specific suggestions for Kanawha County Public Library. I'll take some time to digest this information...and I will submit a report when I return from vacation late in August."

EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

Jo Ellen Flagg, Chief
Barry Geesey, Homebound Services Librarian
Sarah Kelley, Bookmobile Librarian
Dennis Heritage, Children's Librarian

Ms. Jo Ellen Flagg was elected by the West Virginia Library Association Membership to serve as its representative on Council of the American Library Association. The policy making body of ALA meets twice each year; at Midwinter, usually in January and in Chicago; and during the annual conference held each summer. In between times, there are lots of position papers to read and evaluate and correspondence to handle.

July was vacation and also summer staff month. Several Manpower Program workers, college/university work-study students and part-time clericals were employed for the summer months (June-August). All were needed in preparation for the new libraries in Marmet and Sissonville and placing book collections in East Bank and George Washington Community Schools.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

June R. Martin, Chief
Frances Gerard, Librarian
Gretchen Schwinger, Librarian

Mr. C. A. LaBarre, Superintendent of Documents, in a letter of July 23, 1979 to the Library Director, congratulated the Reference Department for

their management and service to the public in Federal Documents. On July 13, 1979 Mr. Daniel R. MacGilvry made his inspection and reported many nice things which are noted as follows:

On the rating scale we ranked EXCELLENT in the following categories:

1. Service to the general public
2. Interlibrary cooperation
3. Maintenance of the depository collection (housekeeping)
4. Cooperation with the Government Printing Office

The Reference Department was ranked VERY GOOD in the following categories:

1. Staffing (librarians who are available to assist the public and who know the organization of the Federal Government and the literature of its agencies)
2. Depository Collections (selection of documents most useful to the public)
3. Organization of the Depository Collections (having even the documents not yet cataloged filed by issuing agency so we can use them on demand)

The Reference Department was ranked GOOD in space standards, realizing that our score would be improved if all Government Documents could be filed in one place in Room 97 located on the fourth floor.

Kanawha County Public Library has been a partial U.S. Government depository since 1952. A Partial Depository means that we select only those documents that will best serve our public from among the many thousands made available each year.

These official inspections are held every three years. Our storage is inspected and our staff examined on our use of documents.

CROSS LANES INSTANT LIBRARY

Sara L. Mathewson, Branch Librarian

The Library Board will hold its 2nd annual Ice Cream Social on Thursday, August 23, 1979 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the Library (and outside if the weather is nice). Ice cream, cookies and soft drinks are donated by residents for sale to friends and visitors. This good-time-for-all type of activity has generated a great deal of interest and enthusiasm last year. The proceeds, last year, which accrue to the benefit of the Library Board, weren't bad either.

DUNBAR BRANCH LIBRARY

Steve Crowley, Branch Librarian

Mr. Herman G. Smith, one of the original members of the Dunbar Library Board of Directors established in March 1964, and its first and only President, passed away on Friday morning, July 13, 1979. Herman was a dear and dedicated person who could not do enough for his church, his library, his community and his friends. "Looking after" the Dunbar Public Library was easy because Herman was there.

Mr. Boone Maxwell was elected President to fill the unexpired term of office until September 20, 1979 when an election of officers will be held.

Mr. James Hudnall was elected to fill the unexpired term of Mr. George Denton who is ill. Mr. Hudnall will serve until June 30, 1981. Mr. Hudnall is a resident of Dunbar and is Business Manager, Thomas Memorial Hospital.

Other members of the Library Board are: Mrs. Helen Smith, Secretary, and Mrs. Delores Olyce, Treasurer.

ELK VALLEY BRANCH LIBRARY

Kathleen Whalin, Branch Librarian

Ms. Whalin reports:

> "As July has a holiday to honor American heroes, I nominate Cecilia Long and Mary Jo Hansen, clerical employees, for highest honors. Singlehandedly they helped to stuff fund raising letters and organized the Branch's second anniversary celebration (I was conveniently on vacation)."

Library programs aimed in the direction of pre-school children and Friday night movies continue to be popular.

GLASGOW BRANCH LIBRARY

Joy Bemesderfer, Branch Librarian

Ms. Joy Bemesderfer requested and received a one-year leave of absence without pay for the purpose of attending Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas (near Dallas) where she expects to earn a Masters Degree in Library Science. The program at TWU is accredited by American Library Association and other accrediting agencies.

A special questionnaire was distributed in July, 1979 to nearly 2,000 persons in and around the Glasgow service area. Its intent was to seek information for the purpose of measuring or evaluating the facility, its location, staff, materials collection, services, and programs.

SISSONVILLE INSTANT LIBRARY

Daisy Stemple, Branch Librarian

Sissonville Library Board on July 6, 1979 completed its fiscal obligation for 1979/1980 by submitting its contribution of $3,734.00 in support of the Branch's operation and maintenance costs totaling $37,339.00.

Most of the Library materials (books, newspapers, magazines, phonograph records and vertical file information) have been placed on order and will become a part of the total branch collection. Nearly 3,000 items will be processed and made available for patron use when the facility is opened to the public before the end of November, 1979.

All persons who attended a special 4th of July ceremony and celebration had a good time in spite of rain, rain and more rain and forecasts of good weather.

A construction progress report is noted as follows:

1) Delivery of the building, by the manufacturer in Michigan to the contractor, is expected to take place sometime by the middle of September, 1979.

2) Construction/installation must be completed within 60 days. This means that we are looking for a mid-November, at least, opening date and special ceremony.

3) In the meantime, the contractor is expected to work on the following: a) driveway and parking; b) plants and planting; and c) exterior lighting.

4) Our financial records show that payments totaling $22,601.20 have been made through July 6, 1979.

5) Additional expenditures of $17,197.95 are expected to be approved at the Library Board meeting of August 8, 1979.

Respectfully submitted,

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

AUGUST 1979

A National Library Act (S1124) was introduced in Congress by Senators Jacob Javits and Edward Kennedy.

The proposed legislation would create a National Library Agency "to aid, augment and support local and state library services" with the understanding that it is "not to exercise control over their operations or policies." Brief highlights are noted as follows:

Functions:

a) Supervise federal library aid programs
b) Planning and coordinating a national library
c) Interlibrary cooperation
d) Conduct research programs (areas of innovative library techniques and services)
e) Establish cooperative library exchange programs with foreign libraries
f) Plan and implement a national plan for distribution of governmental publications
g) Develop ways of giving patrons information about government programs (for example: Social Security benefits, unemployment services)

Check and Balances:

a) "Nothing in this Act shall be construed to interfere with state and local responsibility in the conduct of library services."
b) "The administration of libraries, the selection of personnel and materials, and... the determination of the best use of the funds... shall be reserved to the states and the local divisions of the states."

Funding:

a) Direct financial assistance to public libraries for operating expenses
b) Aid to public libraries for library construction, remodeling and/or converting buildings (post office, for example, to public library)
c) Funding in performance of cooperative efforts between all types of libraries

d) Dollars for "special users": handicapped, adult literacy, English language, service to jails, hospital and other institutions, etc.
e) Aid for special training of library staff.

BOYS AND GIRLS DEPARTMENT

Helen Lind Thomas, Chief

Summer reading clubs closed for the season on August 20. Of the 300 to 400 children who initially joined the clubs, there was a total of 135 children who completed their reading requirements and earned reading club certificates. The breakdown of certificates earned according to clubs was as follows:

Read-to-Me Club --------(Pre-School and Kindergarten) -----20 certificates
Primary Club ----------(Grades 1, 2, and 3) ----------67 certificates
Intermediate Club ------(Grades 4, 5, 6, and 7) ----------48 certificates

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Robert N. Henson, Chief

A job reassignment was completed recently and made effective August 1, 1979. Responsibilities are noted briefly and are recorded as follows:

James L. Thomas

1. Chief painter for the Kanawha County Public Library system.
2. Assumes housekeeping duties at the Cross Lanes, Elk Valley, St. Albans and Sissonville Branch Libraries.

Robert N. Henson

1. In charge of Main Library, building and grounds
2. Does major repair to physical plant when needed (electrical, mechanical, plumbing, heating, etc.)

The House of Representatives voted 267-152 to revise current rules controlling heating and cooling of buildings. The legislators decided to exempt from existing limits on heating and cooling any building operator who saved a comparable amount of energy in other ways.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

Ruth E. Figgatt, Chief

A total of 3,106 books were added to the collection which numbers 446,081.

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

Tom Wrenn, Chief

Our 3M Book Detection System includes a counter which makes it possible for us to learn the numbers of people who exited on Capitol Street. Making some accommodations for staff and folks who visited the Library during Regatta Week, more than 30,000 people came to the Library during August, 1979. Additionally, we discovered that Mondays are the busiest day of the week; and that Monday evenings are most active.

Beginning Saturday, September 8, 1979, the Main Library will close at 5:00 p.m. instead of 5:30 p.m. This measure provides two benefits:

1. Allows staff to use public transportation which, generally, is unavailable after 5:30 p.m.

2. Consistency between our Saturday and Sunday closing times.

Tom Wrenn and I have suggested to each other the need for providing space for audio-visual materials and services; the need to shift collections of books and periodicals from crowded places and their relocation elsewhere. To give some kind of a picture to the proposal, an overlay using plastic sheets of various colors was put together. We are confident that additional changes will be recommended by the staff before the proposed project is submitted to the Building and Grounds Committee, Mr. Smith, Chairman, for consideration.

DUNBAR BRANCH LIBRARY

Steve Crowley, Branch Librarian

One of the many strong signals coming from the community focuses upon the Dunbar Library building. It is interesting to note, following conversations with our own Helen Smith, and other community leaders, that visitors to the city

are always taken to view the Library. Its citizens point with pride to the physical and aesthetic aspects of the building and its setting.

ELK VALLEY BRANCH LIBRARY

Kathleen Whalin, Branch Librarian

Elk Valley Woman's Club hosted a dinner for the local Lions Club at the Library to introduce the membership to the wonders of the Elk Valley Branch Library.

ST. ALBANS BRANCH LIBRARY

Peggy Palmer, Branch Librarian

Most of the walls, upstairs and down, were re-painted by James Thomas who enjoys the responsibility of doing such work for the system. The staff and public are pleased because the rooms are cleaner, brighter and colors are complimentary to each other.

Jody Risacher, Children's Librarian, attended the Puppeteers of America Annual Conference held at Kent State University on August 12-18, 1979. She reported the following:

> "The conference was a wonderful opportunity to view professional puppeteers at work and talk to other librarians about the use of puppetry in their libraries. In fact, I'd say one of the most valuable aspects of the conference (aside from the outstanding performances and highly informative workshops) was the opportunity for an exchange of ideas with other librarians in informal conversations. I received useful advice on puppetry workshops. I intend to begin two workshops for grades 1-3 and 4-6 this fall. Other ideas for puppetry in St. Albans Library are still in the cocoon stage. I'm excited about the prospects for puppetry. It's a challenging and rewarding area."

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winovich

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

SEPTEMBER 1979

The U. S. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division, ruled on September 27, 1979

> "that employees of public libraries are among those employees engaged in traditional government services. . ."
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> "Therefore, the Act's (Fair Labor Standards Act) minimum wage and overtime pay provisions do not apply to their employees."

Other agencies providing "traditional government service" are the States, Municipalities, County Commissions, schools, hospitals, fire prevention, police protection, sanitation, public health and parks and recreation.

The government letter of September 27, 1979 signed by Herbert J. Cohen included an "opinion letter" of August 27, 1979 signed by C. Lamar Johnson. Both letters were included in the Library Board minutes of October 10, 1979.

A gift of $500.00 was presented to Kanawha County Public Library in memory of Mrs. Ann Howard, formerly of The Charleston Gazette. The memorial was given by her friends and colleagues at the newspaper and by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Chilton, III.

Kanawha County Commission refused to commit $100,000.00 in Revenue Sharing Funds to projects in Marmet. Three-fourths of the money was intended to be used for construction of a municipal swimming pool and the remaining $25,000.00 was scheduled to be used for the proposed OUTPOST LIBRARY construction project. Because of our excellent track record,

however, I am confident that Revenue Sharing funding is a strong possibility at some time in the near future.

Our new Telecom telephone system went into operation on Friday, September 7, 1979. It appears that, in-spite-of its newness and countless buttons, that the system is working very well.

On Saturday, September 8, 1979 Kanawha County Public Library began its new Saturday schedule of closing at 5:00 p.m. Staff reports for work at 8:30 a.m.

120 slides showing scenes of Charleston from the 1870's to the 1920's have been presented to Kanawha County Public Library. These 35mm slides are copies of those used by Harry Brawley in his illustrated talk, "Old Charleston."

Preserving and promoting local history is a special function of a public library. The slides will enable many people to learn more about the history of Charleston and to appreciate their heritage.

Brawley, a retired educator and broadcaster first gave his talk to the Charleston Lions Club on his 50th birthday, October 8, 1959. At that time he had only 24 slides and called his presentation "Recollections of 50 years." Since then, Brawley has given his talk 123 times to various service clubs, civic organizations, garden clubs, church groups and others.

Brawley spent 13 years as a teacher and principal in the Kanawha County Schools, 20 years on the staff of WCHS Radio-TV and 7 years as the first Executive Secretary of the West Virginia Educational Broadcasting Authority. He also taught Political Science and Geography part time at Morris Harvey College.

The slides were presented to Kanawha County Public Library on the 20th anniversary of Brawley's first talk.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Kathleen Whalin, Chief
Pamela Warren Stebbins, Assistant
Betty Jane Harper, Special Clerk

Mrs. Helen Lind Thomas, staff member since January, 1972, resigned effective August, 1979 to become a school librarian in Kanawha County.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

Ruth E. Figgatt, Chief
Claudia Benton, Assistant
Gene Fleisher, Assistant
Mae Thomas, Library Associate

The book collection, as of September 30, 1979, totals 446,873 volumes.

ADULT CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

Tom Wrenn, Chief
Susan Hitchens, Assistant
Jack Kelly, Assistant
Lois Leasure, Assistant
Cortez Johnson, Special Clerk

Members of the department have been actively engaged in the process of "moving furniture" so that an audio/visual area could be formed. Active circulation of materials occurrs when large numbers of phonograph records, films and filmstrips are loaned to library patrons. This we have experienced and will continue to anticipate particularily when our video cassette capability comes "on line."

EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

Jo Ellen Flagg, Chief
Sarah Kelley, Assistant
Barry Geesey, Assistant
Dennis Heritage, Assistant
Franca Martin, Special Clerk

A special public relations workshop was held on September 28, 1979 and was attended by all librarians and special clerks. There were two sessions.

ST. ALBANS BRANCH

Peggy Palmer, Chief
Jody Risacher, Assistant
Bridget Herndon, Special Clerk

Mrs. Bridget Herndon, staff member since August, 1973, was transferred to St. Albans Branch from Administration effective October 3, 1979.

We are pleased to announce that the St. Albans Library Board purchased

a book displayer, a phonograph record browser and six wire book holders which were installed in both the adult and children's departments.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

OCTOBER 1979

St. John's Episcopal Church, in its Sunday Worship Bulletin, customarily recognizes a public agency with a special prayer. It was the Library's turn on Sunday, October 21, 1979. The prayer reads as follows:

> "Pray for the staff of the Kanawha County Public Library that they might continue to feed and nourish the community with excellent service."

Joel Stern's new office, which is located in the administrative suite, is expected to be completed within two/three weeks following completion of certain housekeeping chores such as painting, cleaning and installation of furniture which has been delivered.

The new School Service Electric rates, as applied to Kanawha County Public Library following a favorable order by the Public Utility Commission, has reduced costs appreciably. Dollars savings for the nine month period ending September totaled $3,533.00.

EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

Jo Ellen Flagg, Chief
Barry Geesey, Homebound Librarian
Dennis Heritage, Childrens Librarian
Sarah Kelley, Bookmobile Librarian

As the announcement of years ago from Paul Revere, "The British are coming, The British are coming"; the current cry in the Kanawha Valley is "The Satellites are coming, The Satellites are coming." Satellite libraries, that is, at two Community Schools.

The Kanawha County Public Library in cooperation with the Community School Program, Kanawha County Schools, is establishing satellite libraries at George Washington High School, 1522 Tennis Club Road and at East Bank

High School, 130 Brannon Street. These libraries will be open to both students and the community.

Our "satellites" will carry adult and juvenile books both fiction and nonfiction. These collections contain new titles as well as old favorites. A special group of current best sellers will also be featured.

Books not found in these collections can be requested from the main library which will be sent out as soon as they become available.

These collections were selected by each school's Instructural Materials Center (IMC) staff, faculty and Extension Department librarians. These titles were chosen for their usefulness and interest to the patrons of that particular area and will be updated regularly. Each community is responsible for operating and maintaining its satellite library.

The satellites will lend framed art and sculpture, films and other available library materials. Each satellite will determine its own circulation rules.

The satellite libraries will be open to all and patrons will need a Kanawha County Public Library borrower's card to check out materials. Patrons may register for their borrower's cards at the satellite libraries or at any Kanawha County Public Library location.

The satellite library at George Washington, opening shortly, will operate some evening and weekend hours. The hours for the East Bank satellite, opening after the first of the year, have not been decided.

The satellite library concept developed from a desire on the part of the Community Education Department at George Washington High School to enrich its program. The staff asked the library for assistance and after several conversations our "satellites" were born.

The library was excited by this idea because it gave us an opportunity to reach people in their local communities without costly new construction. By using an existing facility and staff, the library could concentrate its resources on materials and services.

What is OCLC?

OCLC is the short version of the Ohio College Library Center which is a nonprofit library network system established in 1967 to serve Ohio Libraries. Located in Columbus, Ohio OCLC furnishes catalog information and book location to its members by means of a computer terminal. In the last twelve years OCLC has grown from 54 Ohio libraries to 1,800 member libraries in 49 states.

Purpose:

To promote the evolution of library use and to encourage more creative librarianship. It will:

1) speed up availability of library resources for our users.

2) reduce the expense of cataloging books in libraries.

What Are Benefits for Kanawha County Public Library?

Membership in OCLC through the "broker" (Pittsburgh Regional Library Center) would provide the following immediately:

1) Preparation of catalog cards and delivery within seven days.

2) We would be able to process our materials much faster, and in a matter of months would not have a backlog of materials waiting for cataloging.

3) The system would catalog non-print materials such as phonograph records and films as well as books.

4) Government Documents could also be cataloged quickly.

5) Searching for the required book information of author, title, publisher and date for interlibrary loan requests would be greatly speeded up.

We cannot give our searching problems to another library and often our Reference staff spends hours searching for the required information when the borrower does not supply the required information.

6) In the future, OCLC could help us take an inventory of our book stock quickly and inexpensively. This provided the necessary base for our card catalog on microfilm and for an automated circulation system; both of which are likely to be in our "agenda for the 80's."

7) In the future OCLC could help us buy books for the library by automatically producing the orders, keeping a record of what we have on order, as well as keeping an account of each department's and branch's book expenditure.

Hours of Service:

OCLC opens for service five days a week at 8:00 a.m. and closes at 10:00 p.m. Saturday hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The service is closed on Sundays and legal holidays.

OCLC in West Virginia

At present West Virginia University, Marshall University, Davis and Elkins College, College of Graduate Studies, and Bethany College are members. Kanawha County Public Library is the largest public library in the state. We think Kanawha County Public Library should be the first public library in West Virginia to have OCLC membership. Our goal is to provide the best library service for the citizens of Kanawha County. The years ahead will demonstrate whether the planning taking place today will fill the needs of tomorrow. The 1980's will bring many new challenges to library service and we must be ready to meet them.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winowich

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

NOVEMBER 1979

The Bernard H. & Blanche E. Jacobson Foundation presented a gift of $500.00 to Kanawha County Public Library. Each book purchased will carry a bookplate such as the one enclosed.

Charleston Fire Department, Bureau of Fire Prevention, through its inspectors W. A. Summers and W. E. Meadows, made its most recent and unannounced inspection on November 14, 1979. I am pleased to announce that the signed Firesafety Inspection Report made record of the following:

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| Corrections | 0 |
| Repeats | 0 |
| New | 0 |
| Total | 0 |

Comments: "In the opinion of the inspectors, there were no hazardous conditions in this area at the time of this inspection."

I have been elected President, Community Relations Council, Charleston Job Corps at the annual meeting held on Tuesday, November 13, 1979; with an "option to renew" for an additional term provided the Directors choose to do so.

American Education Week (November 12-18, 1979) was observed at The Library with exhibits and distribution of special book mark/reading lists. The highlight occurred on a lovely Thursday afternoon, November 15, 1979, when the East Bank High School Concert Choir performed on The Plaza to the delight of many downtowners.

Several librarians and special clerks attended a series of seminars (3) sponsored by Kanawha Arts Alliance and held at the South Charleston Public Library. These seminars brought together various persons from the Valley

interested in learning and doing a more effective job in program planning, audience development, public relations, graphic design and layout.

Perhaps one of the best tips given was that libraries should continue to provide quality programs and in the process of evaluating their effectiveness, libraries should not judge them entirely on attendance.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Kathleen Whalin, Chief
Pamela Warren Stebbins, Assistant
Betty Jane Harper, Special Clerk

November, 1979 featured the annual system-wide "book bash" in honor of Children's Book Week. More than 80 boys and girls attended an afternoon of films and puppet shows.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

Ruth E. Figgatt, Chief
Claudia Benton, Assistant
Eugene Fleisher, Assistant
Mae Thomas, Library Associate

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CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

Tom Wrenn, Chief
Susan Hitchens, Assistant
Jack Kelly, Assistant
Lois Leasure, Assistant
Cortez Johnson, Special Clerk

The staff and I have developed fire drill procedures which are intended to insure the safety of all persons during any inside the building emergencies. The insurance carrier and Charleston Fire Department contributed in the development of the informational document.

GLASGOW BRANCH LIBRARY

Anna Parker, Branch Librarian
Maria Porter, Special Clerk

Mrs. Pauline Tompkins, who also serves as a member of the local board, retired from membership because of illness. The vacancy was filled by Mrs. Jean Morton who is a resident of Cedar Grove.

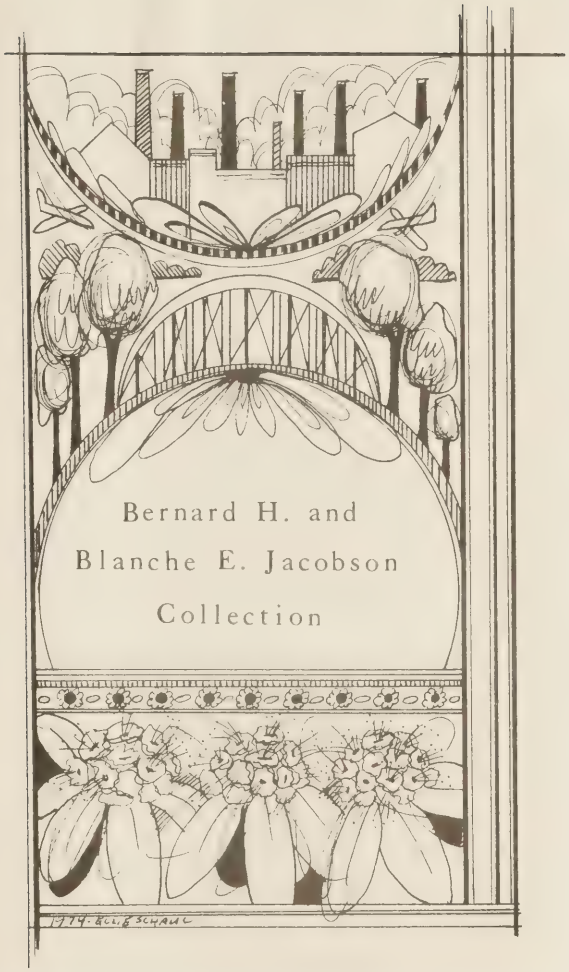
REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

June R. Martin, Chief
Frances Gerard, Assistant
Gretchen Schwinger, Assistant
Onnalee Arcuri, Senior Clerk

Miss Gretchen Schwinger participated in a workshop sponsored by The Foundation Center on November 16-17, 1979 in New York City. Kanawha County Public Library is the only Foundation Center representative in West Virginia receiving information and literature on FOUNDATIONS: Their purposes, goals and philanthropic resources.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winowich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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

DECEMBER 1979

West Virginia's representatives of nine persons were a part of more than 900 delegates to the White House Conference on Libraries held in Washington,D.C., November 15-19, 1979. They listened, discussed, caucused, petitioned, argued and voted on a whole host of resolutions which were finally reduced to 29.

President Carter came and told the delegates they had "a friend in the White House." Mr. Carter, incidentally, served as a member and presiding officer of his library board in Plains, Georgia.

Some of the adopted resolutions are noted as follows:

1. An Assistant Secretary for library services should be established within the newly created Department of Education.

2. There should be full funding in 1980/1981 for Library Services and Construction Act (public libraries)
   Higher Education Act (colleges and universities)
   Elementary and Secondary Education Act (primary and secondary public schools)

3. Postage rates for delivery and/or return of library materials should be reduced.

4. Federal government should assist in funding literacy programs.

5. Library of Congress should coordinate programs and services for the needs of disabled and those with learning disabilities.

The George Washington Community School Satellite Library will hold an open house on January 31, 1980 at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The East Bank Community School Satellite Library will have an open house later in the scholastic year.

Kanawha County Public Library received its John V. Ray Fund check of $407.05 through the Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation. Income from the trust is distributed annually and is used to purchase books. Each volume carries a specially designed book plate.

Kanawha County Public Library received its second of ten Steele A. Hawkins, Jr. Trust Checks. The amount was for $2,500.00. The distribution of funds is made annually. The first check was in the amount of $5,708.30.

Arnett and Foster, Accountants, were appointed by the State Tax Commissioner to audit the Library's books for fiscal 1978/1979.

The new Sissonville Instant Library will be opened to the public on Tuesday, January 15, 1980 at 10:00 a.m. A formal dedication with a ribbon cutting and flag raising ceremony will be held on Saturday, January 19, 1980 at 10:00 a.m.

A special appeal was addressed to West Virginia Library Commission requesting funding of $20,500 in support of staff salaries and benefits for one librarian and one special clerk at the Clendenin Public Library for fiscal year 1980/1981.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

Tony Bright, Superintendent

Conservation of energy continues to be our policy and practice. We hope to achieve savings in fuel consumption by lowering thermostats to 69 degrees, by making thermostats more efficient because of annual "tune-ups" and by reducing lighting needs in non-strategic areas only (corridors and non-busy space) but never at the expense of safety and well-being.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

Ruth E. Figgatt, Chief
Claudia Benton, Library Assistant
Eugene Fleisher, Library Assistant

The TRS-80 minicomputer, with printer, leased from Radio Shack at $125 per month in November, 1979, for the purpose of calculating cost allocations of book purchases, by class (adult fiction and non-fiction, juvenile fiction and non-fiction, reference), department and branch, has been an overwhelming success. Installation of this equipment has resulted in speedier invoice processing and has broken the work backlog.

ELK VALLEY BRANCH LIBRARY

Denise S. Sticha (nee Schindehette), Branch Librarian
C.C. Long, Special Clerk
Linda Meszaros, Junior Clerk

Mrs. Sticha reported that the Elk Valley Library Board held its annual meeting on Tuesday, December 11, 1979 at 7:30 p.m. to elect officers and conduct such other business as may come before their library board. Elected were the following:

OFFICERS

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| President | Steve Underwood |
| Vice President | Harry Seese |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Denise S. Sticha |

MEMBERS

Mrs. Kathryn Butler
Elkview, West Virginia 25071

Mr. David Crites
Clendenin, West Virginia 25045

Mrs. Mildred Rider
Charleston,West Virginia 25302

Mr. Harry Seese
Elkview, West Virginia 25071

Mr. Jim Smith
Elkview, West Virginia 25071

Mr. Steve Underwood
Charleston, West Virginia 25302

Vacancy (Dr. O. M. Harper)

The Elk Valley Library Board holds a bank account balance of $1,761.40 which was raised, in part, by voluntary contributions. The Library Board expects to forward, reasonably soon, a check of $1,500 to Kanawha County Public Library as a part of its annual obligation of $3,500.

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

Tom Wrenn, Chief
Susan Hitchens, Librarian Assistant
Jack Kelly, Librarian Assistant
Lois Leasure, Librarian Assistant

Circulation of books was up 20.8% over December, 1978.

A total of 23,625 persons passed through the book detection system gate located at the Capitol Street entrance. These are encouraging numbers.

Additional wooden shelving was installed in the new books division which will help to relieve some space pressures. Recently purchased revolving magazine racks will make more book shelf space available when periodicals are moved to the new displayers.

GLASGOW BRANCH LIBRARY

Anna Parker, Librarian
Maria Porter, Special Clerk

Special visits were made to Dupont High School and to Chelyan Elementary School by Mrs. Parker for the purpose of encouraging students to visit and use the Glasgow Branch Library.

A special Christmas program was held on Saturday, December 15, 1979 for

the guest of honor - the local community. East Bank High School Choir sang carols.

ST.ALBANS BRANCH LIBRARY

Peggy Palmer, Chief
Jody Risacher, Librarian Assistant
Bridget Herndon, Special Clerk

Circulation of library materials increased by 13% over December, 1978.

Miss Palmer and Mrs. Herndon attended a special two-day seminar jointly sponsored by Kanawha County Public Library and West Virginia Library Commission. Subjects for discussion included the following:

Film services and scheduling
Video cassette services
Statewide Borrowers Card and its more effective use

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winowich

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

JANUARY 1980

Kanawha County Public Library, in the course of a year's time, receives many gifts in the form of cash, books, phonograph records, magazines and works of art. The donor is identified, in almost every instance, and the gift is acknowledged. Occasionally, however, an anonymous donor simply leaves things. We can't even guess who it is because we never see him/her. Recently, we received from an unidentified person, a Mark Twain book entitled, The American Claimant - a rare and valuable first edition. Its worth? About $150.00.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

Ruth E. Figgatt, Chief
Claudia Benton, Librarian Assistant
Eugene Fleisher, Librarian Assistant

A total of 2,160 books were added to the collection in January, 1980 which numbers 455,017 volumes.

CHILDRENS DEPARTMENT

Kathleen Whalin, Chief
Pam Stebbins, Librarian Assistant

We have some very talented people, all volunteers, who perform a useful and valuable function in our Children's Department. These nice persons need to be identified and the things they do are recognized because they make our job easier and more effective:

Mrs. June Sinclair of Charleston

Frequent chalk talks for children and parents

Book Shelf Puppeteers, formerly of Sunrise, presented weekly.

Ms. Sandy Dickinson
Mrs. Polly Given
Mrs. Marty Ammirato

CROSS LANES BRANCH LIBRARY

Sara L. Mathewson, Librarian
Sue Copen, Special Clerk

Miss Mathewson and Mrs. Copen were helpful in providing training experiences for Sissonville Branch Library Special Clerk, Mrs. Janie Derrick.

Cross Lanes Branch Library observed its fourth anniversary in January, 1980.

EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

Jo Ellen Flagg, Chief
Barry Geesey, Homebound Librarian
Sarah Kelley, Bookmobile Librarian
Dennis Heritage, Children's Librarian

George Washington Community School Satellite Library is scheduled to hold an Open House on Thursday evening, January 31, 1980. Some very special people deserve a lot of credit for the hard work, long hours and project enthusiasm. They are identified as follows: Mr. Douglas Walters, Director, George Washington Community School; Mrs. Sam Rubin, President, Advisory Council, George Washington Community School; Mrs. Mary Frances Bleidt, Director, Community Education, Kanawha County Schools; and, of course, our own Miss Jo Ellen Flagg and Miss Sarah Kelley.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

June R. Martin, Chief
Frances L. Gerard, Librarian Assistant
Gretchen Schwinger, Librarian Assistant

Five new, free standing carousel magazine displayers were recently installed. The periodicals were moved from nearby traditional shelving. The

Circulation Department will gain considerable space to house oversize books and the Reference Department will gain four, 3-foot sections to hold its growing collection of reference materials.

SISSONVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY

Daisy Stemple, Branch Librarian  Janie Derrick, Special Clerk

Sissonville Instant Library observed its official open house on Saturday, January 19, 1980. Special events included the following:

1) Ribbon cutting by seven Sissonville area first graders each elected to represent his/her public/private school.

2) Flag raising by the local VFW group.

3) Speeches by Delegate Darrell Holmes and President, Don Springer.

4) Photo opportunities by countless photographers.

5) Refreshments prepared and served by members of the local library board.

6) Souveniers (minature flags and balloons were distributed)

Mrs. Stemple reported the following: "We have had wall to wall people and wall to wall mud, but we have survived both." Crushed rock, which temporarily serves as the parking lot surface until a permanent covering of asphalt is put in place, continues to sink into the soil surface in spite of attention and additional truck loads of crushed rock. There is heavy on-site traffic and most drivers, upon leaving, inadvertently spin wheels, thus "throwing" loose rock and thereby creating ditches and mud problems.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Ainsworth

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

FEBRUARY 1980

The status of funding for West Virginia Library Commission during fiscal 1980/1981 remains unresolved at this moment. A different set of Grant-In-Aid and Construction numbers have been proposed by the Governor and Finance Committees of the House and Senate. The differences are noted as follows:

Grant-In-Aid

Governor - Remains same at $1.54 or $328,304 (to KCPL)

House - Increase of $200,000 - by 12 cents from $1.54 to $1.66 to $353,882 (to KCPL)

Senate - Remains same at $1.54 or $328,304.

Construction

Governor - 0

House - 0

Senate - $250,000 for Instant Libraries (as in Cross Lanes and Sissonville) and Outpost Libraries (as in Marmet) only

Mr. Kenneth Pritt, Budget Officer, Kanawha County Commission, visited on February 14, 1980 for the purpose of becoming better acquainted with the Library's budget, statute, funding/valuations, history of the institution and information about the Library Board and staff.

Kanawha County Public Library "piggy backs" a levying authority for the purpose of securing the best possible price for the goods and services it needs in the performance of its operation and maintenance. For example, the Library purchases gasoline for its vehicles (bookmobile, sedan, station

wagon and van) from Kanawha County Schools at a cost of $1.01 per gallon. The pump price, this date, was $1.29 per gallon.

Joel Stern and I visited with the newly appointed members of the Marmet Library Board. They are:

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| Mrs. Anna Roach | (3 year term) |
| Mr. Wayne Johnson | (3 year term) |
| Mrs. Leonard Wilson | (2 year term) |
| Mr. Terry Fontalbert | (2 year term) |
| Mrs. Carolyn Sue Curry | (1 year term) |

Building construction and site plans were exhibited and discussed. Library services and operations were reviewed. Copies of the West Virginia Public Library Trustees Manual were distributed. Subsequently, Mrs. Helen Smith has agreed to meet with and to speak to the Marmet Library Board, at its next meeting about the duties and responsibilities of Library Board Membership.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

Tony Bright, Superintendent

A special meeting was held on February 8, 1980 with Tony Bright and heads of department to discuss custodial expectations. It is essential that departmental leadership become aware of and knowledgeable about good housekeeping and interdependence of one upon the other.

Consumption of natural gas, at the Main Library, for heating purposes, was lower in January, 1980 than in January, 1979. This was due in part to "milder" weather, a lower required setting to 69 degrees, and a "tune-up" of all thermostats.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

Ruth E. Figgatt, Chief
Claudia Benton, Librarian Assistant
Eugene Fleisher, Librarian Assistant

A total of 2,392 books were added to the collection which numbers 456,013 volumes.

CHILDRENS DEPARTMENT

Kathleen Whalin, Chief
Pam Stebbins, Librarian Assistant

The weekly marionette show staged by Book Shelf Puppeteers, formerly of Sunrise, continues to be popular with elementary school classes who visit the Library. A second performance has been scheduled on Wednesdays because of "popular demand."

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

Tom Wrenn, Chief
Susan Hitchens, Librarian Assistant
Jack Kelly, Librarian Assistant
Lois Leasure, Librarian Assistant

Kanawha County Public Library and Kanawha County Schools offer a jointly sponsored exhibit of textbooks which are being considered for adoption by Kanawha County Schools. The nearly 200 books were placed on display beginning February 11, 1980. Several dozen comments are expected to be generated. They will be forwarded to Dr. Sankowski; the Associate Superintendent in charge of the project.

Circulation of library materials to adults for the period July, 1979 through February, 1980 is up by 7% over a similar period of the preceding year.

EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

Jo Ellen Flagg, Chief
Barry Geesey, Homebound Librarian
Sarah Kelley, Bookmobile Librarian
Dennis Heritage, Children's Librarian

A special grant application was prepared by Jo Ellen Flagg, Sarah Kelley and Nicholas Winowich and submitted for funding to West Virginia

State Board of Education and to the U.S. Department of Education on behalf of the Library's literacy and adult basic education program. Something similar was tried approximately 10 years ago. It had limited success.

This effort is in cooperation with Kanawha County Schools and has the support and best wishes of Mr. Robert Kittle, Superintendent; Mr. Dennis Davis, Assistant Superintendent; and, Mr. William Anderson, Director of Cooperative Education.

Most of the work with the unskilled and unlearned will be done by education people. The material will reside at the Library and be made available on borrowers cards.

GLASGOW BRANCH LIBRARY

Anna Parker, Librarian  Maria Porter, Special Clerk

A bookmark contest was held. Nearly 50 entries were received from children in the first through sixth grade. There were four winners:

Reading Is Good For Your Health

Reading Is No Disgrace
So Keep Me In Your Place

Reading Is One Way Of Having Fun
But It Is The Best Way To Learn

A Book A Day Keeps Boredom Away

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

June R. Martin, Chief  Gretchen Schwinger, Librarian Assistant
Frances L. Gerard, Librarian Assistant

Miss Gretchen Schwinger will serve as a panelist on Women's Educational Equality Grant Writing workshops to be held in Charleston, West Virginia on

May 20-22, 1980. The conference proposes to teach delegates how to write grants and proposals and find funds for projects concerned with educational equality for women.

ST.ALBANS BRANCH LIBRARY

Peggy Palmer, Branch Librarian
Jody Risacher, Librarian Assistant
Bridget Herndon, Special Clerk

Governor Rockefeller presented a 100 album set of phonograph records to the St.Albans Branch Library on the history of American music. The gift was from the Rockefeller Foundation. Meeting the Governor were members of the local Library Board, staff and library users.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Wisowaty

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

MARCH, 1980

Kanawha County Public Library closed at 1:00 p. m. on Saturday, March 1, 1980 because of heavy snow fall and the urgency of staff to reach home safely. Conditions continued to deteriorate, and, as a consequence, Sunday library services for March 2, 1980, was not available.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Kanawha County Public Library celebrated the 75th birthday of Dr. Seuss at our branch in St. Albans. Eighty boys and girls attended the special observance in-spite of terrible weather (snow and cold).

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

Mr. Chappie Fox, Circus Historian, Ringley Brothers, spoke about the fascinating and exciting world of the circus to a large and enthusiastic audience in The John V. Ray Room on Tuesday afternoon, April 8, 1980. Arrangements for the special visit were made by Mrs. Alayne Steiger of Charleston and her agency.

Mr. Fox presented an autographed copy of his book entitled, Circus Parades, to Kanawha County Public Library. It will be placed in a special collection (in the Laidly Room) because of its rare book value of $100.

CROSS LANES BRANCH

President Springer, Jo Ellen Flagg, Joel Stern, Peggy Karkos, Branch Librarian, and Nicholas Winowich met with the Cross Lanes Library Board on March 12, 1980 to discuss a proposed addition to the present "Instant" facility. The reaction of the group was positive and seemed to indicate that a larger facility ( a permanent brick and mortor building) was desirable if not essential.

However, because state and federal funding was not available the proposal was placed on a "back burner" until such time when conditions became favorable. The Cross Lanes Library Board members felt, I am told, that much had been accomplished with the meeting and they remained optimistic.

ELK VALLEY BRANCH

Mrs. Denise Sticha, Branch Librarian, was part of several programs/workshops/seminaries/book talks relating to books, reading and libraries. Her messages were delivered to local residents, colleagues, teachers and students.

MARMET BRANCH

The Marmet Outpost Library Construction Project Bid Opening was held on Thursday, April 3, 1980 at 2:00 p. m. in the Board Room of the Library. There were five (5) bidders. Bid Tabulation is recorded as follows:

Bid Tabulation
Marmet Branch Library
Marmet, West Virginia April 3, 1980

| Bidders | Bid Bond | Base Proposal | Alternate #1 | Alternate #2 | Total |
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| Miller Builders, Inc. Pinch, W.Va | X | 9,301 | 3,135 | 3,124 | 15,560 |
| Rover Construction, Inc. St. Albans, W.Va. | X | 22,875 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 28,875 |
| Royal Construction South Charleston, W.Va. | X | 8,660 | 2,520 | 240 | 11,420 |
| Wayne Heating and Air Conditioning Wayne, W.Va. | cert. check | 5,755 | 2,325 | 915 | 8,995 |
| Wiseman Construcion Co. South Charleston, W.Va. | X | 11,654 | 3,775 | 1,587 | 17,016 |

Curtis Sutphin, Mayor, and some members of the Marmet Library Board were present and included the following: Mr. Terry Fontalbert, President; Mrs. Carolyn Curry, Member; Mrs. Anna Roach, Member; and Mrs. Leonard Wilson, Member.

The Agreement between Kanawha County Public Library and Town of Marmet was signed by President Springer and Mayor Sutphin. A copy follows:

A G R E E M E N T

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 3rd day of April, 1980 by and between KANAWHA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, a corporation, hereinafter called "Kanawha" and the TOWN OF MARMET, WEST VIRGINIA, a municipal corporation, hereinafter called "MARMET";

WHEREAS, Marmet owns the parcel of land described hereinbelow and is willing to sell it to Kanawha as set forth hereinbelow;

WHEREAS, Kanawha is willing to install a building on said parcel of land and to operate therein a branch library as set forth hereinbelow;

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of the premises, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged, Kanawha and Marmet mutually covenant and mutually agree as follows:

1. Marmet agrees to sell to Kanawha a certain parcel of land containing approximately 0.482 acres, situate in the Town of Marmet, Kanawha County, West Virginia for $38,000.00, said parcel of land being the same property conveyed to the Town of Marmet, by The Cheaspeake and Ohio Railway Company by deed dated November 16, 1979, a record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Kanawha County, West Virginia in Deed Book 1932, page 307. Marmet agrees to grant and convey said parcel of land to Kanawha by an apt and proper deed containing a convenant of general warranty upon payment of said purchase price to Marmet.

2. Kanawha agrees to install an Outpost Library Building ("library building") on said parcel of land and all necessary utility services in said library building.

3. Kanawha also agrees to purchase and install suitable furniture and equipment for a branch library in the library building.

4. All furniture and equipment furnished by Kanawha for use in the library building will be and remain the property of Kanawha and may be removed by Kanawha at any time. All furniture and equipment, if any, furnished by Marmet for use in the library building will be and remain the property of Marmet.

5. Upon completion of the installation of the library building on said parcel of land and the utility services therein and of the furnishing of the building for library purposes, Kanawha will operate a branch library therein. Kanawha will provide a basic collection of library materials, including but not limited to the following: adult and juvenile books, reference books, newspapers, magazines, phonograph records and such other services as are provided by Kanawha through its Extension Department.

6. Marmet shall contribute, and/or cause to be contributed, to Kanawha, for use in operating said branch library in the Town of Marmet, a sum equal to 10% of the annual operating budget of such library each year for 10 years, from and after the date of this agreement. After the expiration of said 10 year period, the contribution of Marmet shall be as mutually agreed upon by the parties hereto. Kanahwa may, as its option, terminate the operation of such branch library in Marmet at any time if Marmet fails to make such contributions.

7. Kanahwa may, at its option, terminate the operation of the branch library in Marmet at any time without cause by giving Marmet six (6) months' written notice of its intention to do so.

8. Marmet will appoint an Advisory Library Board consisting of five (5) members.

9. Kanawha will have the full official authority and responsibility for the operation of the library, including the employment of personnel. However, Marmet shall be afforded the opportunity to make recommendations on all aspects of operations, including the employment of personnel.

10. Marmet and Kanawha agree that the branch library will function to serve all residents of Kanawha County, including the residents of the Town of Marmet and its adjacent areas.

11. If Kanawha shall permanently discontinue the operation of a branch library in the library building in the Town of Marmet, West Virginia, for a period of more than six (6) months, then Kanawha will convey the parcel of land on which the library building is located to Marmet for such consideration and upon such other terms and conditions as Kanawha and Marmet shall then mutually agree, all in accordance with the provisions of S1-5-3 of the Code of West Virginia of 1931, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused their corporate names to be signed by their respective officers thereunto authorized, all as of the day and year first above written. Executed in duplicate.

KANAWHA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

By /s/ Donald F. Springer
Its President

TOWN OF MARMET

By /s/ Curtis W. Sutphin
Its Mayor

A special meeting was held in Marmet on April 3, 1980 for the purpose of introducing the new library board members to the world of trusteeship: duties and responsibilities. All members were present including Mr. Russell Hansford, teacher, Marmet Jr. High School, who represented the community because of his involvement in the project from the very beginning. Also attending were Joel Stern, Nicholas Winowich and Helen Smith who spoke from the perspective of a practicing library board member. Copies of West Virginia Public Library Trustees Manual, a publication of the West Virginia Library Association, were distributed. Following considerable discussion, refreshments were served by members of the Marmet Library Board.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

The Reference Department of Kanawha County Public Library continues to serve as the Foundation Resource Center for the state of West Virginia. Materials are provided, without charge, to Kanawha County Public Library by the Foundation Center of New York. The literature, available on hard copy

and fiche, provides the answers to the who, what, why, where and when of the 501 C (3) foundations of the U.S. Reference staff, Miss Gretchen Schwinger, particularly, places great emphasis on the foundations within the state; particularly annual reports and current documentation.

ST. ALBANS BRANCH

The St. Albans Library Board of Directors announced that the Conference Room, located on the second floor, will be named the Harry A. White Room at a special ceremony and reception to be held on Sunday, April 27, 1980 beginning at 2:30 P. M.

The branch did not open for Sunday Library Service on March 2, 1980 because of heavy snowfall and dangerous road conditions.

SISSONVILLE BRANCH

Circulation of library materials and registration of library patrons was less than anticipated in March, 1980. This was due, in part, because of a misunderstood "signal". You see, the parking area had not been repaired and repaved because of winter weather. As a consequence, crushed rock was put in place and an accumulation of snow and ice made the area less than desirable. Therefore, it was to our "advantage", we thought, to "rope-off" the parking lot to prevent vehicles from getting stuck. Unfortunately, most of our patrons saw this sign as a signal that the branch was not open for business. Consequently, they drove off and returned home or went shopping in the neighborhood.

The good news is that the parking area will be repaved and that the place should withstand a lot of traffic over a number of years because of the installation of additional and significant amounts of crushed rock.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winowich

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

APRIL 1980

The Trustees Section of West Virginia Library Association scheduled a series of meetings for Monday and Tuesday, May 19 and 20, 1980, in Huntington at a jointly sponsored West Virginia Library Association/Marshall University Institute which was designed several years ago to inform practicing librarians from small communities and all clerical personnel on the "nuts and bolts" of librarianship and public library services. An allowance, not to exceed $100.00, is offered by West Virginia Library Commission to each library for the purpose of encouraging trustee attendance.

A special program entitled, "Humanities and Public Libraries: Grantsmanship will be held at Marshall University on Tuesday, May 20, 1980 from approximately 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Library Director will participate.

Voters Registration opportunities were conducted by staff from County Clerk's Office at the following branch libraries during regular hours:

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| Cross Lanes | Glasgow |
| Dunbar | St.Albans |
| Elk Valley | |

The reaction among all parties was very favorable. Return visits were required at most locations. Our staff discovered that many persons were first-time visitors; most of whom "signed-up" for library borrowers cards.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

Ruth E. Figgatt, Chief
Claudia Benton, Librarian Assistant
Eugene Fleisher, Librarian Assistant

A total of 2,933 books were added to the collection which numbers 459,682 volumes.

CHILDRENS DEPARTMENT

Kathleen Whalin, Chief
Pam Stebbins, Librarian Assistant

The department hosted its own 4th Annual Kanawha County Kids' Chess Tournament. John Homer and Charles Szasz, local residents and accomplished players, were tournament directors. There were 32 participants; some of whom were photographed in a Gazette-Mail picture/story. The winners were:

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| Andrew Talkington | (Champion) |
| Matthew Stepp | (Second Place) |
| Samuel Stepp | (Winner 6-8 age group) |
| John Rogers | (Winner 9-11 age group) |
| Glenn Miller | (Winner 12-14 age group) |

ELK VALLEY BRANCH LIBRARY

Denise Sticha, Branch Librarian
Cecilia Long, Special Clerk

The Elk Valley Branch Library Board made its second contribution on April 23, 1980 in the amount of $1,000.00. There was a previous payment of $1,500.00 made in January, 1980. The balance due is $1,000.00 and Mr. Steve Underwood, President, is confident that this commitment will be made before the end of the current fiscal year.

EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

Jo Ellen Flagg, Chief
Barry Geesey, Homebound Librarian
Dennis Heritage, Children's Librarian
Sarah Kelley, Bookmobile Librarian

Kanawha County Public Library, through its Extension Department, submitted an application of funding to the State Department of Education for an Adult Literacy Project in cooperation with Kanawha County Schools. The grant request received favorable comments and encouragement but was deferred. Subsequently, the application was submitted to the U.S. Department of Education. No determination has been made to date.

ST.ALBANS BRANCH LIBRARY

Peggy Palmer, Branch Librarian
Jody Risacher, Librarian Assistant
Bridget Herndon, Special Clerk

The highlight of the month was the Library Board's recognition of Mr. Harry White on April 27, 1980, for his contributions of energy, time, talent and enthusiasm on behalf of the St.Albans Library. More than 70 persons attended the special occasion to honor Harry White by naming the Library's Board Room The Harry White Room. Speakers included:

Don Springer

Jim Randall, Mayor, and former
member of the St.Albans Library Board

Nick Winowich

The circulation of adult books improved by 19% over a similar period in the previous year. The circulation of juvenile books increased by 51% over a similar period in the previous year. This is due in part through any/all of the following:

a) More teachers are using library selections in individual classrooms.

b) Story hour sessions were increased from twice weekly to three each week.

c) The new additions of the Nancy Drew and Hardy Boys series have always been popular and are circulating heavily.

SISSONVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY

Daisy Stemple, Chief  Janie Derrick, Special Clerk

Paving of the library's parking lot and planting of trees and shrubbery is expected to be completed by May 30, 1980.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Wisowich

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

MAY 1980

Kanawha County Public Library submitted a funding application to the West Virginia Department of Education for an adult literacy project which would inform Kanawha County residents that it was never too late to learn to read and to write; that there were programs available using traditional settings (schools) and non-traditional sites (libraries, churches, senior centers); that they were invited and encouraged to help themselves in achieving the life sustaining and educational goals they desire. Support and encouragement was offered by Kanawha County Schools. However, limited funds and the receipt of many proposals precluded a favorable response by the State. At the same time, they, the State, liked what they read and invited us to make an oral presentation which appeared to support the application because it was the only one to be submitted by a non-school entity.

A special program entitled, Humanities and Public Libraries was presented to the West Virginia Library Commission/Marshall Institute students and trustees on Tuesday, May 20, 1980 by the Library Director who had a lot of help from others. The purpose of the afternoon session was to encourage library programming for the adult community. For example, many public libraries have been providing film showings, book talks, craft demonstrations, discussion groups and a variety of other programs for years. Most of these libraries found that their programs were well received which resulted in benefits and good will for both the library and the community. The students and trustees were encouraged to sponsor public policy programs and to introduce them to the Humanities Foundation of West Virginia and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The "problem patron" is causing concern among staff; particularly, those members employed at the Main Library in Charleston. Some visitors are disruptive, alcoholic, threatening and mentally ill. The remainder are the ones who come-in-out-of-the-cold, wet and unwelcome weather. Somewhere in between are the "loners" and the lethargic who suddenly leap from a sitting position while shouting at something/somebody.

The challenge and opportunity are available and present. Mr. Stern is in the process of preparing guidelines which would describe an acceptable code of conduct to assure ourselves as-well-as the no problem patron that something will be done and which will accrue to the benefit of this institution and the public it serves. In addition, Dr. Donald Bubenzer, Chief, Guidance and Counseling, College of Graduate Studies, will conduct special staff workshops.

EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

Jo Ellen Flagg, Chief
Barry Geesey, Librarian
Dennis Heritage, Librarian
Sarah Kelley, Librarian

Special posters were prepared by West Virginia Library Commission for the purpose of informing and reminding the vast Kanawha County audience (patron potential) of library services available to the blind and physically handicapped persons. The posters were placed on display in most optician and optometrist offices.

Our records show that we have 759 registered blind and physically handicapped library readers. Of that number, a total of 18 are juvenile borrowers. The staff (Mr. Jay Pauley and Ms. Sonjia Fleck), with responsibilities in this area, developed a patron profile so that we could become better acquainted with our special patrons in order to provide a more effective service. The carefully constructed composite appears to give us the following information:

Male
Age 61-91
Blind
High school education
Prefers cassette players in place of such devices as tape to tape recordings and phonograph record players

Reading material interest listed according to preference

Religion
Mysteries
Bible
Western
Humor
History/Biography

Sarah Kelley and Kathleen Whalin (Children's Department) presented the Reluctant Dragon puppet show at the South Hills Mall Street Fair held on May 18, 1980. This production was the joint effort of a number of people who shared their time and talent. They are: Jean Andrews (Clendenin), Steve Crowley (Dunbar), Danny Dixon (Dunbar), Barry Geesey (Extension), Dennis Heritage (Extension), Susan Hitchens (Circulation) and Tom Wrenn (Circulation). Jo Ellen Flagg served as stage manager and "scene changer."

Eight (8) Extension and Branch clerical personnel attended the 1980 West Virginia Library Commission Library Skills Institute at Marshall University. They were: Sue Copen (Cross Lanes), Phyllis Jordan (Extension), Bridget Herndon (St. Albans), Vicki Price (St. Albans), Cecilia Long (Elk Valley), Maria Porter (Glasgow), Traletta Wallace (Marmet) and Mary Hermansdorfer (Dunbar).

BUILDING AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

Tony Bright, Superintendent
James George
Clayton Long
Emanuel Robinson
James Thomas

Mr. Spurgeon Hankins, custodian, was employed effective May 20, 1980. Mr. Hankins is a capable young man who, in addition to the traditional duties and responsibilities of a custodian, is expected to substitute as a part-time bookmobile driver.

SISSONVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY

Mrs. Daisy Stemple, Librarian

The parking lot was paved, finally, after many months of an unsatisfactory situation. The crushed stone, and there was much of it, was placed on site to provide a temporary base because late Fall 1979 arrived and the blacktop, construction season was over until Spring, 1980.

The Sissonville Library Board met on May 6, 1980 to make plans for their annual July 4th celebration. The community gathers together to observe a special holiday while enjoying fun, games and delicious food all for the purpose of raising funds in support of their 10% commitment to the operation and maintenance of the branch library.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

Ruth E. Figgatt, Chief Claudia Benton, Librarian

Miss Figgatt reported that 2,520 books were processed and added to the collection which numbers 461,552 volumes.

GLASGOW BRANCH LIBRARY

Mrs. Anna Parker, Librarian

Maria Porter, Special Clerk, attended the Seventh Annual Library Skills Workshop from May 12, 1980 through May 23, 1980 at Marshall University. The special event was sponsored by the West Virginia Library Commission for the purpose of teaching non librarians the basics of library functions and management. Frequently, the manager is absent, for whatever reason, (illness, vacation, meetings, etc.). Meanwhile, the "show must go on" and, in that tradition, our clerical employees receive enough information, through experience and classroom, the "know-how" on "how to run a library good."

Facilities, food service and faculty honorariums are funded through the West Virginia Library Commission. Almost everyone who participates, leaves with a good sense of feeling and accomplishment.

Miss Flagg, Mr. Stern and I are thinking seriously of arranging the schedule of our Glasgow librarian in such a manner that her time will be shared with Marmet and as their librarian. We suggested this to ourselves because of the following reasons:

1) We are not sure of the volume of business in Marmet which might be at the level of Glasgow.
2) We can save money.
3) We can grow into a full time librarian when demand requires such action.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

June R. Martin, Chief
Frances L. Gerard, Librarian
Gretchen Schwinger, Librarian

We wish to identify and to recognize the Senior Americans employed by Kanawha County Public Library for service in our Reference Department.

Wilbur Mason completed ten years of service on May 1, 1980. He was an engineer with C & P Telephone Company before retirement.

Donald Withrow completed 7½ years of service. He was a bookkeeper with Columbia Fuel before retirement.

Wilma Higginbotham completed nearly two years of service. She was Life Styles Editor, Charleston Daily Mail before retirement.

Peter Grandal is the "new kid on the block" who was recently employed. He was a restaurant owner/operator and teacher before retirement.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winowich

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

JUNE 1980

Mrs. Pauline W. Tompkins, Library Board member, Kanawha County Public Library, since September, 1975, retired, effective immediately, because of serious and lingering illness. She demonstrated an affection for this institution as-well-as the branch library in Glasgow which she served as local board member since February, 1977.

ADULT CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

Tom Wrenn, Chief
Susan Hitchens, Assistant
Jack Kelly, Assistant
Lois Leasure
Sara Sue Wright

Mr. Tom Wrenn resigned effective July 30, 1980 to accept a position in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania as Library Director, Beaver County Public Library. A search committee composed of Dr. Bannerot, Chairman, Personnel Committee, and staff including Joel Stern, Ruth Figgatt, Cortez Johnson and June Martin will interview candidates and make recommendations to the Library Director. Miss Susan Hitchens will serve as Acting Chief during the interim period.

Joel Stern and I are confident that several staff members will become candidates for the position.

CROSS LANES BRANCH LIBRARY

Sara L. Mathewson, Branch Librarian
Susan Copen, Special Clerk
Karen Miller, Junior Clerk

Children in the service area registered for the summer reading club program almost immediately following the close of school. More than 200 boys and girls were enrolled.

Miss Mathewson and I are pleased to announce that Lillie Smith, Ethel Lindberg, Janet Dulina and Sue Luchenta are energetic and talented adult volunteers who frequently "come in out-of the bullpen" for the purpose of being helpful at the Branch.

GLASGOW BRANCH LIBRARY

Anna Parker, Branch Librarian — Maria Porter, Special Clerk

The branch set a new record on June 24, 1980 when it "checked out" 200 books to its library patrons. The previous high was recorded on March 13, 1980 when 180 books were charged to users.

Anna Parker and Sarah Kelley, Extension Librarian, visited the Cabin Creek Medical Center on June 4, 1980 for the purpose of talking about books and reading and playing a puppet show to a group of parents and children. CCMC is a busy and important station in the lives of Cabin Creek residents.

ELK VALLEY BRANCH LIBRARY

Denise Sticha, Branch Librarian — Cecilia Long, Special Clerk

The summer library schedule is changed at all the branches beginning the first week in June and ending with the Saturday following Labor Day. Services and programs continue from Mondays through Fridays. Each branch, however, is closed on Saturdays and Sundays. The schedule for the remainder of the year (Fall, Winter and Spring) is as follows:

Cross Lanes, Elk Valley, Glasgow and Sissonville - Tuesdays through Saturday. Closed Sunday and Monday.

Dunbar and St. Albans - Mondays through Saturdays. Sunday library service from 1 to 5 p.m.

Response has been overwhelming for the Tuesday and Thursday exercise classes held in the downstairs level which is capable of handling some numbers. On Tuesday and Friday mornings, senior citizens "do their thing." These classes are sponsored by Preventacare, a federally funded program.

ST. ALBANS BRANCH LIBRARY

Peggy Palmer, Branch Librarian
Virginia Goodall, Junior Clerk
Bridget Herndon, Special Clerk

Joellen Risacher, Children's Librari
Victoria Price, Junior Clerk
Barbara Riley, Junior Clerk

Use of juvenile and adult materials increased appreciatively during the month of June, 1980. The final numbers display a 21% increase over June, 1979.

Family film nights are shown on Monday following the dinner hour. The average attendance numbers 25 persons.

While June was not a busy programming month - it was, indeed, a busy planning month. Initial discussions, contacts, and arrangements were made for our fall programs - both children and adult. Also letters were sent out, and groups contacted, concerning the meeting room reservations. A Children's Committee, composed of volunteers from the community, met to discuss the scheduling of summer programs. Some of these people also volunteered to assist at these sessions. Registration for the children began on June 25, 1980. Within days, 255 children registered for the program which is scheduled to end on August 22, 1980, with the presentation of Book Trek Reading Certificates. Jody Risacher visited 10 area elementary schools during the first week of the month in order to spread the word about the summer children's programs, and to present Bookworm Reading Certificates to those who reported on books read through the school year. Approximately 486 children received certificates.

SISSONVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY

Daisy Stemple, Branch Librarian Janie Derrick, Special Clerk

Bill Hall, Contractor, completed the installation of a French drain at the Library's site. This effort is expected to correct standing water which usually is caused by heavy rains and run-off from Clearview Heights Road.

Members of the local library board and staff are making plans for the Third Annual 4th of July celebration of fun, food and festivities which is expected to raise several thousand dollars in support of the Board's commitment to pay 10% of the branch's operating budget. There will be good food, homemade refreshments, parent/child contests, frog jumping (one can rent a frog for 50 cents if one misplaced one's own leaper), sky diving, used book sale, tug of war, and a Miss Liberty/Uncle Sam contest.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winovich

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

JULY 1980

I am pleased to report that Mr. Dewey E. S. Kuhns was at home recovering from a brief illness. He extended regrets for not being able to attend recent meetings of the Library Board.

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

Tom Wrenn, Chief
Jack Kelly, Librarian
Lois Leasure, Librarian
Jerri Fittro
Maureen Glasford
Angela Harper
Bill McDowell
John Topliff
Susan Hitchens, Librarian
Sara Sue Wright, Librarian
Mary Jo Jackson
Cortez Johnson
Karen Linville
Paula McCormick
Sara Meadows

Tom Wrenn, Chief, Adult Circulation Department resigned effective July 31, 1980 to accept a position as Head Librarian in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. Tom was appointed to the staff on December 1, 1975 as Home-bound Services Librarian; promoted to Branch Librarian, Dunbar, effective August 1, 1977 and promoted to Chief, Adult Circulation effective September 11, 1978.

Miss Susan Hitchens, a staff librarian who chose not to be a candidate, was appointed acting chief.

ELK VALLEY Library

Denise Sticha, Librarian
Nova Casto
Shirley Smyth

Elk Valley Branch Library observed its THIRD Anniversary on July 13, 1980 with an informal reception, exciting entertainment by George Daugherty (Earl of Elkview), an enthusiastic audience and delicious refreshments. Almost everybody talked about the congenial staff and library presence in the community; its impact upon residents.

GLASGOW BRANCH LIBRARY

Anna Parker, Librarian Maria Porter

Mrs. Anna Parker, Branch Librarian, Glasgow, was one of several librarians present at the annual meeting of the Library Board held on Friday, July 11, 1980. A written statement was prepared by Mrs. Parker and distributed to persons who attended. Her remarks are recorded as follows:

> The Glasgow Library is a branch of Kanawha County Public Library. It provides educational, recreational, and cultural materials to the residents of the Upper Kanawha Valley. The library opened in February of 1977. It is 694 sq. feet with a little over 6,000 books on the shelf.
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> The library checks out books, pamphlets, puzzles, paperbacks, periodicals, records and art reproductions.
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> For pre-school children the library provides Story Time two months each year. During each of these months Story Time is held once each week. The children listen to stories, records, view film-strips, and draw or paint for an activity.
>
> For school age children the library provides programs of educational and recreational interests. Cardmaking parties were featured to make cards for Mother's Day and Father's Day. Activities are held to celebrate Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day and other occasions. Films are held every week throughout the year.
>
> 10,650 books were circulated from June of 1979 to the end of June of this year, an average of 887.5 books a month.
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> We have had two memorable months this year. In April the circulation doubled 100% over April of last year, and last month the daily circulation reached 200 which is the most books that were ever checked out in one day.
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> The library board members are:
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> Mrs. Betty Arthur
> Miss Adele Facinoli
> Mr. Melvin McDaniel
> Mrs. Jean Morton
> Mrs. Donna Mae Tucker
>
> The Special Clerk is Maria Porter and the Librarian is Anna Parker.

I would like to extend an invitation to each and everyone of you to come out to the Glasgow Library and see us.

Thank you.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

June Martin, Chief
Gretchen Schwinger, Librarian
Wilbur Mason
Frances Gerard, Librarian
Onnalee Arcuri

Miss Sandra Cunningham, a Marshall University student and a recipient of that institution's Work Study Program, began working in the Reference Department on July 1, 1980. This was her second year with Kanawha County Public Library and staff expects the young lady to be as effective and outstanding as she was in the previous year. Her duties include, but are not limited to the following: page service (obtaining back issues of newspapers, magazines and books from closed stack areas), typing and maintaining the West Virginia clipping file. Major funding is provided by Marshall University through federally related student aid programs.

ST. ALBANS LIBRARY

Peggy Palmer, Librarian
Vicki Price
Virginia Goodall
Joellen Risacher, Librarian
Bridget Herndon
Barbara Riley

A workshop for women returning to the job market was conducted on July 31, 1980 by Rebecca Hamilton of West Virginia State College. Fourteen women participated in the program.

The meeting room schedule has been reserved in accordance with the revised rules. Most of the groups have returned the application forms to us and, so far, we have been able to accomodate most of them. In addition, we have reserved the Community Room most of the Monday nights in the fall and early winter for library-sponsored programs for adults and young adults. Our goal is to provide a lineup of interesting, entertaining and/or

educational programming on an almost weekly basis. A few young children's events will be held in the evening, although most will continue to be scheduled during the daytime.

Many of the juvenile summer programs were begun this month, with the assistance of the Children's Committee volunteers. The pre-school Fun and Sun Exercise class on Tuesday mornings had an average of 14 children in attendance. The pre-school Learning Experience sessions on Wednesdays dealt with teaching (in a fun way) the concepts of colors, shapes, manual dexterity and reading readiness. An average of 27 children were present for these. The puppetry club for 8-12 year olds on Thursdays has chosen the book they want to portray, has written the script, is making the puppets, and will eventually schedule a performance when they are all rehearsed and ready. There is an average of 14 children participating. The arts and crafts class for 5-7 year olds began its first session on July 30 with 12 children. The sessions for 8-12 year olds began on July 31 with 8 children.

A new 16mm film projector was received this month as part of a special grant awarded by the West Virginia Library Commission. We welcomed its arrival, since we will now be able to run feature-length movies with fewer delays between reel changes.

Rearrangement of some of the fiction enabled us to place the Young Adult fiction collection into a more visible location; set off by itself on one side of the lounge area. The initial response seems positive, since more titles have been circulating. This area now includes three display shelves for showing the new arrivals; both fiction and non-fiction. Prior to this, they were mixed in with the adult "new" books.

Young Adult fiction has always been kept separate, as have some of the adult fiction categories. This arrangement makes an easy search for those patrons looking for books by their favorite "type." But, for those needing specific authors and titles from the card catalog, this organization is not as handy. If they don't know what category their desired book fits in, it means checking in several places - if they remember to do so. And, it adds to the confusion when one author's books are not always together. So, in an effort to find an arrangement to please most of the people most of the time, I thought we would try a questionnaire. The example follows:

ST. ALBANS LIBRARY QUESTIONNAIRE

We would like your opinion!

Will you take a minute to answer these questions? This is your library.

The answers will help us to serve you better.

I. Which category of books do you read?

A. ADULT
Fiction____
Nonfiction____
Both____

B. JUVENILE
Fiction____
Nonfiction____
Both____

II. If fiction, how do you usually look for your books?

A. Use the card catalog for certain authors/titles____

B. Look on the shelves according to certain authors____

C. Look for special areas of interest:

1. Adult Department (1st floor)
General____
Mystery____
Science Fiction____
Westerns____
Young Adult____

2. Childrens Department (2nd floor)
General____
Mystery____
Science Fiction____
Animal Stories____
Ghosts, Witches____
Sports____

SISSONVILLE LIBRARY

Daisy Stemple, Librarian Janie Derrick

The Sissonville Library Board met at the Branch on Tuesday evening, July 15, 1980. The Treasurer reported that a sum exceeding $1,200 was raised at its annual 4th of July celebration and money maker. A brief rain shower of about 15 minutes hardly interrupted day long musical entertainment and games. Delicious homemade refreshments were consumed by hundreds of visitors.

The roof of the Sissonville Instant Library, upon examination by Arthur Fisher and Nick Winowich, revealed a sway of approximately 3 3/4 inches, at center joint, in six of eight sections or "pie wedges." The architect renewed his support for the structural integrity of the roof design in spite of some concerns expressed by others. Subsequently, it was agreed to raise the roof from inside which would correct the outside roof appearance as-well-as reinforce and prevent future sagging of the roof. The corrective measure would not be charged to Kanawha County Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winowich

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

AUGUST 1980

Mr. Dewey E. S. Kuhns, Library Board Member, has been absent from his office because of illness which required hospitalization. He is, presently, at home receiving TLC and medication. Our telephone conversations were of the Library; its Library Board of Directors obligations and his regrettable absences. We are confident that his return to the many obligations and affections will occur soon.

This institution, in a small measure, contributed to the success of the annual observance of Charleston's Regetta Week. The Loewenstein Plaza became the stage for performing musicians, vocalists and artists.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Mr. James Thomas, who served previously as Building Superintendent, from April, 1967 until June, 1979, was re-appointed to that position effective August 1, 1980. One of his chief strengths, and perhaps his most important quality is "Bud's" ability to get alone with people. He is well-liked, dedicated, respected, and capable of handling/maintaining the business of building and grounds in an orderly, safe, neat and clean manner.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

The Children's Department observed an "End of the Summer" and "Hello Fall Program" by offering two performances of Hansel and Gretel by the Puppet House Players of Frankfort, Kentucky on Saturday, August 23, 1980. This special event, attended by 350 persons at two performances, was the Library's contribution to Charleston's Annual Sternwheel Regatta Festival.

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

The search committee (Dr. Bannerot, Ruth Figgatt, Cortez Johnson, June Martin and Joel Stern) continued in its efforts to look, interview and recommend a candidate for the position of Chief, Adult Circulation. Several staff librarians

(Mrs. Denise Sticha, Branch Librarian, Elk Valley and Mrs. Sara Sue Wright, Librarian, Adult Circulation Department) previously have indicated an interest in the position. The library community, in the meantime, was informed of the job opportunity through an advertisement which appeared in a recent issue of American Libraries - a publication of the American Library Association.

Miss Susan Hitchens is serving as Acting Chief following the resignation of Tom Wrenn.

CROSS LANES

The Cross Lanes Library Board held its annual Ice Cream Social on Thursday, August 21, 1980 for the purpose of raising money in support of its contribution to Kanawha County Public Library. Although no firm dollar totals were announced, Sara Mathewson, Branch Librarian reported that the results were good.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

The Library was able to purchase one 3M Microfilm/Reader Printer for the Reference Department. Funding was provided by the West Virginia Library Commission through its Special Grants Program. The new Reader/Printer, dry process method, replaced old equipment, using wet process (mixing chemicals and liquids) which operated inadequately and unsatisfactorily. Additionaly, the new unit made it possible to read microfiche and to make prints when necessary or desirable.

The other vendor, who provides comparable equipment, services its Reader/Printer through an office located in Martinsburg, West Virginia - "a fur piece" from Charleston and a disadvantage to us when equipment is not operating as intended/designed.

Miss June R. Martin, on behalf of Kanawha County Public Library, submitted a proposal to the Humanities Foundation of West Virginia which suggested a series of programs based on famous autobiographies. Speakers would include knowledgeable/articulate persons of the community and scholars in the Humanities/Liberal Arts discipline.

ST ALBANS BRANCH

Miss Peggy Palmer, branch librarian, reported that the use of adult books, during August, 1980, was 35.5% greated than in the same month of the previous year. Use of children's books during the same period and comparisons was almost as good at an increase of 27.4%.

SISSONVILLE BRANCH

Remarks by some members of the staff and several patrons who use the Sissonville Branch Library suggested to the Library Director and Building Superintendent the possibility of a faulty roof design which appeared to cause sagging in many of the "pie-shaped wedges." Following on-site examinations by knowledgeable people and careful measurements, it was obvious that, indeed, there was sagging and that all necessary and appropriate action was to be taken and as soon as possible. Our concerns were safety, first, and appearance, last. Several meetings were held, a number of suggestions were made and corrective measures (additional supporting brances) put into place at no cost to the Library. The team included the following:

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| Arthur Fisher | - Board Member |
| Jim Smith | - Board Member |
| Jerry Goff | - Architect |
| Bill Hall | - Contractor |
| Nicholas Winowich | - Library Director |

The branch was closed on Friday, August 29, 1980 to permit uniterrupted work and staff/patron safety.

Mrs. Daisy Stemple, Branch Librarian, was one of several librarians to participate in a useful and informative puppetry workshop on August 5-9, 1980 and sponsored by Sunrise. Afterwards, Mr. and Mrs. Morton Talbott of Kanawha City, our Friends and puppeteers, helped staff to do a "Peter Rabbit" show on Wednesday, August 27, 1980 before 99 persons (children and adults).

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winowich

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

SEPTEMBER 1980

Kanawha County Public Library owns a framed note, written and signed by Abraham Lincoln, which reads as follows:

> "On the strength of Gen. Dix' endorsement,
> I approve
>
> A. Lincoln
>
> Dec. 7, 1964"

This rare and valuable addition was a gift of Mr. Arthur Hanson, a former Member of the Library Board of Directors (from May, 1949 until July, 1968) and Vice President of many years. Although the item was insured for $400, upon receipt of the gift in 1968, the Charleston Sunday Gazette Mail, in its issue of October 5, 1980, State Magazine Section, reported that similar, signed letters/notes of good quality were valued at $25,000. At about the same time, coincidentally, Goodspeed's of Boston, Massachusetts, a well known and respected rare book seller, in its Autographs at Goodspeed's Fall, 1980, Catalog, offered to sell an Abraham Lincoln signature, with note, for $1850.00. Subsequently, following conversations with Reference Department staff, the insurance value of our Abraham Lincoln signature and note was changed to $1900.00.

West Virginia Library Association will hold its 65th Annual Conference in Huntington, West Virginia, October 23-25, 1980 at the new, beautiful, nearly $3 million Cabell County Public Library. Most meetings are scheduled to be held in the Library's auditorium and conference hotel's small meeting rooms. The exhibit area, however, will be located in the corridor on the top floor of the handsome library facility so that registrants will have an opportunity to see the building at some time during the sessions which are scheduled to last two days.

West Virginia Library Commission made a special grant of $100 to Kanawha County Public Library and another special grant of $100 to Dunbar Branch Library

for the purpose of encouraging Board of Directors (trustees) attendance at and participation in the WVLA Annual Conference. Representing Kanawha County Public Library and Clendenin Public Library are Helen Smith and Edna Gallian.

Mrs. Ellen S. Wilkerson, President, Library Board of Directors, Lincoln County Public Library and Project Chairperson for the publication West Virginia Public Library Trustees Manual: A Handbook was nominated, in 1980, for the office of First Vice-President/President Elect of the West Virginia Library Association. Mrs. Wilkerson, when elected in November, 1981, will become the first trustee or Library Board Director to serve as President.

Sunday library service in Charleston, Dunbar and St. Albans will be resumed on September 7, 1980 and will continue through May 17, 1981. This service is recognized as useful and important, not only by high school and college students, but also by adults (not all of whom are football and basketball TV viewers).

Voter Registration was conducted by the County Clerk and members of her staff at the branch libraries in Cross Lanes, Elk Valley and Sissonville. The response to the effort was very good.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Mr. James Thomas was reassigned as Building Superintendent effective September 1, 1980. "Bud", cheerfully and conscientiously, accepted many assignments including this one. He is a capable person who has a super strength in getting along with people and reacting always positively, quickly and easily to staff requests for repairs and maintence.

CATALOG

A total of 2,827 books were processed and added to the collection which numbers 467,419 volumes.

CROSS LANES

Over the years, there has been a number of conversations involving staff, Cross Lanes Library Board and Administration regarding additional space for the Instant Library facility currently in place. Options considered are: another unit similar to the present one and brick and mortar (the preference of Cross Lanes). Sara Mathewson, Branch Librarian, commented that "it would be good to have a room which could be used for library programs and projects, that would not interfer with normal library operations."

GLASGOW

A copy of another issue of the Glasgow Library News is attached.

MARMET

Marmet Branch Library was opened to the public on Tuesday, September 23, 1980. An official and formal dedication with speeches, parade, ribbon cutting ceremony, open house and refreshments, will be held on a date and time to be determined later.

However, a special event is planned for each day of the first week and to be conducted by branch and Extension Department staff and by members of the Advisory Library Board of Directors who are:

1. Terry Fontalbert, President
2. Mrs. Carolyn Sue Curry
3. Mr. Wayne Johnson
4. Mrs. Anna Roach
5. Mrs. Leonard Wilson

Mrs. Anna Parker, Branch Librarian, reported the following:

> "The people of Marmet are impressed with the library and with the services we have to offer. I have asked the people who have been to the library what they thought, and the response has been positive."

The staff and patrons, she continued, are pleased with the quality and quantity of the materials collection and with the services made available through

the system.

REFERENCE

Miss Martin, Chief, Reference Librarian, reported that NEWSBANK, a source of information on United States was added to the collection beginning September 3, 1980. The publication is divided into different subject headings such as: education, law and order, environment, health. NEWSBANK selects stories from more than 120 newspapers; at least one from each of the states.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winnick

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

OCTOBER 1980

Kanawha County Commission approved the Library's request for 5 clerical and custodial employees to be hired under the 1980/1981 CETA Title II and Title VI programs.

The federally funded program provides employment opportunities, in the public sector, to the unemployed and underemployed.

Our previous experience with CETA personnel has been worthwhile and constructive. The Library's participation began in 1975 when seven slots were awarded. Since then five persons remain as clerical employees, one resigned to accept another position at a much greater salary and the remaining CETA employee was terminated.

All CETA candidates are screened and interviewed by Library staff. The selection for employment remains our exclusive and unilateral responsibility.

Participation by Kanawha County Public Library gives CETA personnel an opportunity to be gainfully and usefully employed in a meaningful position while making it possible for the employer to train personnel for a permanent position when vacancies occur. Each receives equal consideration, no more, no less than any other regularly employed staff: salary, according to the Library's schedule, leave (sick and vacation) insurance (public employees) and social security.

All parties - Administration, Kanawha County Commission and CETA employee - are aware that the CETA employee positions will be terminated on September 30, 1981 in the event the program is "scrubbed" and no longer funded.

Mrs. Helen Smith, Member, Kanawha County Public Library and Dunbar Branch Library Library Boards, was elected Chairman, Trustees Section, West Virginia Library Association, at its annual conference held in Huntington, West Virginia, October 23-25, 1980.

Mrs. Ellen Wilkerson, President, Lincoln County Public Library, Board of Directors, was elected First Vice-President, President Elect, West Virginia Library Association. Her election was unanimous and adds another dimension to the 65 year history of WVLA. This is the first time that someone other than a librarian will serve as executive officer of the association.

A Puppet Script Writing Workshop for library staff was held on October 22, 1980 in The John V. Ray Room. Judy Barry Brown of Alexandria, Virginia was the person in charge. Mrs. Brown is a former teacher and librarian who has become a successful script writer. Her presentation was essentially a how-to-do-it sprinkled with a lot of funny stories. The all-day session was enjoyed by 32 persons, some of whom were from Clarksburg, Beckley and Huntington.

The project was funded by the West Virginia Library Commission through a special grant.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

October, 1980 marked the beginning of 'N STUFF, a newsletter published at the Library on its offset duplicator, in cooperation with Sunrise. Copies were delivered to IMC (Instructional Materials Center) personnel for distribution to children and parents. The initial response seems to be enthusiastic because it gives each of us the library, schools, Sunrise and children/parents the chance to know each other better.

CIRCULATION

Mrs. Sara Sue Wright, Librarian, Circulation Department, was appointed Chief, effective November 1, 1980. Members of the search committee included the following:

Dr. Bannerot, Chairman, Personnel Committee
Joel Stern, Assistant Director
June Martin, Chief, Reference Department
Cortez Johnson, Special Clerk, Adult Circulation Department

CROSS LANES

Miss Sara L. Mathewson, Cross Lanes Branch Librarian since March, 1976 resigned. Candidates for the vacancy will be interviewed by a staff committee of Miss Flagg (Chief, Extension Department) Miss Kelley (Bookmobile, Extension Department) and Joel Stern (Administration). A recommendation is scheduled to be submitted to the Library Director after November 24, 1980 when a special Job Fair will be held in Charleston. This interesting event is sponsored by the West Virginia Library Association and West Virginia Library Commission for the purpose of attracting prospective candidates to several librarian opportunities in our State.

DUNBAR

Steve Crowley, Branch Librarian, was elected Chairman, Public Library Section, West Virginia Library Association at its annual conference held in Huntington, West Virginia, October 23-25, 1980.

MARMET

Anna Parker reported that "our first full month at the new Marmet Branch Library has been everything but wonderful." The plastic connection on the hot water line "broke" or came loose on four different occasions. There was "water, water, everywhere but not a drop to drink." Perserverance, vacuuming, work, replacement, and frustration are just some of the "fixins" that it took to correct the plumbing. There were no out of pocket expenses or damages. Fortunately, the carpeting dried-out quickly and easily because of hot but dry weather.

While the above was going on, one patron visited the facility and asked for a lunch menu. Following his second visit, staff assured him the building was a library and not a diner as he seemed to feel.

REFERENCE

This is a brief story of inflation and/or the high cost of books, particularly, reference materials. The publisher of Grove's Dictionary of Music and Musicians, a standard reference tool in the field of music, approximately four years ago proposed to sell the new sixth addition of 20 volumes at a cost of $925.00. If a pre-publication reservation had not been made, the 1980 cost would be $1,600.

ST. ALBANS

The Family Chimney Sweep Service, operated by Nancy and Tom Ingram, cleaned the Branch's fireplace and chimney in the grand old fashioned tradition. A newspaper story, by Wilma Higginbotham, with pictures appeared in the Charleston Daily Mail.

The more important special programs during the month were;

a. History of Rock Music - Concert was by The Toasters. Attendance numbered 45 persons.

b. Saturday film series for children

c. Special films on women: Helen Keller, Aretha Franklin and Janis Joplin

d. The job and a Career: To develop skills

e. Halloween events: face masks and pumpkin carving

f. Pre-school storyhour

SISSONVILLE

The roof at the Sissonville Branch Library, specially reinforced at no cost to us, is once again structurally sound and "cosmetically" viable. The sways in the sloping "pie slices" of the roof were eliminated; it looks now to be in good shape.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winnick

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

NOVEMBER 1980

The Library Director represented Kanawha County Public Library at the official dedication of the new Cabell County Public Library held on a beautiful Sunday afternoon, November 30, 1980 at 3:00 p.m. in Huntington, West Virginia. The three million dollar, handsome building of approximately 55,000 square feet was funded, in part, by a construction grant of 1.3 million from the West Virginia Library Commission, with the balance coming from a successful special levy election. A musical prelude was offered by the Marshall University Brass ensemble playing "incidental music" from Bach and Gabrielli. The former library building was one of four Carnegie libraries built in West Virginia. The others were located in Hinton, Parkersburg and Wheeling. Years ago, Charleston declined a similar offer because it was "considered...to be impractical, as the Carnegie Foundation would donate only an amount in proportion to the population, and this was not considered sufficient to build a library such as the citizens...felt the city needed."

John Santrock and I met with Mayor Art Ashley of Nitro, West Virginia on Monday, November 10, 1980. We talked about Kanawha County Public Library, the independent municipal Nitro Public Library and the special relationship which exists between us. We also urged Mayor Ashley to "reconstitute" the library board.

Requests for library facility installations have been received from individuals representing communities of Alum Creek, Belle, Cabin Creek and Pratt. Additionally, Cross Lanes feels the need for a larger, brick and mortar building. All such inquiries have been dealt with on an informational level.

Our response has been that there are now no construction dollars as there once were from West Virginia Library Commission nor is there federal funding

under the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) or from Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). Finally, all parties are informed that construction is in a "holding pattern" until an evaluation is submitted by the Library Board's Committee on Long Range Planning.

The new Cabell County Public Library, Huntington, West Virginia, was dedicated on a beautiful Sunday on November 30, 1980. The featured speaker, who shall be nameless and perhaps forgotten, had taxi problems at home and as a consequence missed the morning flight to Huntington.

The program listed "incidental music" by Bach and Gabrielli.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

The month of November, by practice, requires the building superintendent and his staff to shut down the air conditioner (draining water lines and cleaning the water tower of gunk that may have accumulated in the preceeding summer season.) Additionally, it becomes necessary to prepare the two gas fired boilers for the coming winter months.

The Capitol Street elevator did not operate for five days because its electric exhaust motor had "self destructed," probably because of a short circuit. There was no repair expense because all elevators (2 in Charleston and one in St. Albans) are on a service contract at a cost of $514.40 monthly.

CIRCULATION

Mr. Gene Fleisher was appointed Librarian Assistant, Adult Circulation Department effective November 1, 1980. Gene is a graduate of LaSalle College and Graduate School of Library Science, Drexel University.

ELK VALLEY

The staff, plus one husband, wrote its first, original puppet show. Puppets were created by Nova Casto (special clerk), Denise Sticha did the play and Michael, her husband, was the recording artist who captured the dialogue

on magnetic tape.

EXTENSION

Mrs. Ebtisam Habek, having served previously as a part-time assistant librarian in the Circulation and Reference Department, was appointed as Children's Librarian, Extension Department. She is a graduate of Cairo University and Pratt Institute School of Library Service.

MARMET

The town of Marmet prepared and installed a large, green and white, aluminum sign on MacCorkle Avenue, located across the street from the ABCC store. It identifies the branch and gives direction, by arrow, to the facility.

ST. ALBANS

The St. Albans Library Board elected officers at its meeting held in November, 1980. They are:

Homer Sweeney, Chairman
Michael Creech, Vice-Chairman
Helen Bowles, Treasurer
Janet Callard, Secretary

A note of special interest. Mrs. Callard served for many years as librarian assistant at WV State College. After retirement, she became one of four outstanding substitute, part-time persons at our Main Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Minovich

REPORT OF DIRECTOR

FOR

DECEMBER 1980

Several significant gifts were received by Kanawha County Public Library during December, 1980. Letters of receipt were sent to each Friend and Fund with our expression of appreciation for their kindness and generosity. The gifts are recorded as follows:

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| Bernard H. and Blanche E. Jacobson Foundation | $ 500.00 |
| Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation for John V. Ray Fund | 509.50 |
| Steele A. Hawkins, Jr. Fund | 2,305.19 |
| William A. Bradford Memorial Fund | 1,638.52 |

The Bradford, Jacobson and Ray Foundation funds were expended for the purpose of adding to the Library's book collection. Each volume is marked with its own specially designed bookplate. Copies are attached.

Mr. Gary Ellis, Library Board Member, was invited to serve a three-year term on the Legislative Committee of West Virginia Library Association. The committee will have an opportunity to meet with legislators and to speak for public library concerns: funding, programs and services. Mr. Ellis accepted the assignment.

Personal memberships dues in the American Library Association (ALA) and the West Virginia Library Association (WVLA) are paid by Kanawha County Public Library for each library board member (trustee). This has been our practice since 1977. The annual membership cost is recorded as follows:

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| $20.00 | ALA |
| 15.00 | ALTA (American Library Trustee Association) |
| 5.00 | WVLA |
| $40.00 | Annual personal membership per library board member. |

ALTA is a division within ALA.

Several members of the staff - Jo Ellen Flagg (Extension), Lois Leasure (Circulation) and Jody Risacher (St. Albans Branch) attended an intensive, short-term class on adolescent literature at West Virginia State College and offered by College of Graduate Studies, Humanities Programs.

There were several items of communication which I would like to share with you:

a) The following appeared on a piece of note paper addressed to the Library Board:

"Thanks for your great policy of no fines for those over 65!"

b) The following appeared on a postcard addressed to Charleston Public Library:

"Send details on what you would do with a $100,000 donation. Kindly mention amount stated. I need it for my records."

(Signed)
"The World's New Order"
% Harvey Rose, Founder
344 Spring Street
Ashland, Kentucky 41101

"Let Us Help People Daily"

c) A membership application form was addressed to me by White Horse of Ku Klux Klan. The return address space, upper left hand corner of envelope, was marked, FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

James L. Thomas, Superintendent
Daniel Dixon
James George
Spurgeon Hankins
Fred Legg
Clayton Long
Emanuel Robinson

The harshness of winter has not been a factor in housekeeping. The room environment has been comfortable; perhaps a little bit on the cool side because of thermostatic controls and setting at 68°. Hot and cold

water continues to flow unimpeded and on demand. There have been no frozen pipes. The piping system continues to function as designed and installed. This is due, in a large measure, to a lot of care and attention and some luck.

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

Sara Sue Wright, Chief
Eugene Fleisher
Susan Hitchens
John Kelly
Lois Leasure

Kanawha County Public Library produces and broadcasts a weekly, 15 minute library related show on Capitol Cablevision Channel 13 each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. The first program was taped on January 5, 1981 at the West Virginia Library Commission studio. Currently, interviews and panel discussions are the format. Members of this Special Staff Video Committee are: Barry Geesey (Extension), Denise Sticha (Elk Valley Branch Library) and Lois Leasure, Chair.

CROSS LANES BRANCH

(Vacant)

Since the resignation of Miss Sara Mathewson, effective November 5, 1980, Mrs. Marilyn Henstock has been acting branch librarian for three days each week. Additional staff support has been provided by the Extension Department.

EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

Jo Ellen Flagg, Chief
Barry Geesey
Mrs. Ebtisam Habek
Sarah K. Kelley

Miss Sarah K. Kelley, Extension Librarian since November, 1977, resigned effective February 6, 1981 to return to Frankfort, Kentucky, her home, and a position with the state library agency. A search committee

of Jo Ellen Flagg and Joel Stern is reading resumes, communicating with library school personnel faculty and conducting interviews. It would seem, with the job market advantages on our side (lots of candidates and fewer job opportunities) that a good librarian will be employed on or about March 1, 1981.

ST. ALBANS BRANCH LIBRARY

Peggy Palmer, Chief Jody Risacher

The Kanawha Cable Television Company of St. Albans, West Virginia installed, free of charge, cable service, in the St. Albans Branch Library. The kindness and generosity of Mr. Don Patten, President, also makes it possible for us to schedule and use Public Broadcasting System features and programming for library use and purposes at no cost to Kanawha County Public Library.

SISSONVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY

Daisy Stemple, Chief

Sissonville Branch Library will observe its first anniversary on January 17, 1981 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Entertainment and refreshments are promised.

In spite of many delays, poor weather, parking lot aggravations and a sagging roof, our staff, not only survived the year, but welcomed patrons and promoted library service.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

June R. Martin, Chief Gretchen Schwinger
Frances L. Gerard

I am pleased to announce that Humanities Foundation approved a grant application of $2,672.00 submitted by Kanawha County Public Library through its Reference Department. The project will offer a series of nine (9)

programs on famous personalities of the 20th century and how each one answered some of our basic questions faced by mankind. Our audience is expected to be the adult, out-of-school person. Programs are scheduled to be held in The John V. Ray Room at 2:00 p.m. on the following dates:

March 3, 10, 17 (at 7:30 p.m. this date only), 24 and 31.
April 7, 14, 21 and 28.

Speakers, listed alphabetically, include:

Miss Martha Cole
Rev. Ronald English
Mrs. Rebecca Godfrey
Dr. Eugene Harper
Mr. Milton Koslow
Mr. Newton Margolis
Mrs. Margaret Mills
Mr. John Suter
Mrs. Eric Wright

This institution, some years ago, sponsored a series of successful book review programs with speakers, best sellers and SRO crowds who welcomed, accepted and participated in exciting programs. Gradually, however, attendance diminished because it was much easier and more comfortable to remain at home watching TV and/or not facing up to the hassles of night time, poor weather and/or ice/snow on the roads.

We're going to try to recapture those moments of big members and enthusiastic patrons with a humanities series of special programs.

One of the most interesting reference type questions asked in a long time was "the recipe for bread as was made in the time of Christ." After some search of several minutes the answer was found and the patron was served.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winnick

REPORT OF DIRECTOR

FOR

JANUARY 1981

BUILDING AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

James L. Thomas, Superintendent
James George
Spurgeon Hankins
Fred Legg
Clayton Long
Emanuel Robinson

Mr. Fred Legg, a custodian with painting and vehicle engine repair experience, was recruited by the Library for custodial duties and assigned to us by CETA, effective November 24, 1980. Legg is a conscientious worker and a pleasant young man who is expected to remain with the program until May, 1982; or, unless a permanent position becomes available before then.

Trane Company, on assignment through our maintenance service agreement, completed its winter visit by preparing the main line air conditioner unit for service when the weather permits and staff requests.

Regular and frequent visits are made by the Building Superintendent to the branch libraries when temperatures are below freezing. Preventative maintenance and eye-ball inspections help to reduce cost and eliminate worry.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

Ruth E. Figgatt, Chief
Claudia Benton

A total of 1,914 books were processed and added to the collection which numbers 471,410 volumes. The cataloging function, by computer, was impeded because the system located in Columbus, Ohio (OCLC - initials which "stood for," at one time, Ohio College Library Center) was down for approximately three weeks to accomodate the new catalog conversion code entitled, "Anglo American Cataloging Rules, 2nd Edition." Dewey Decimal was the building block of things to come. There were countless "band-aid" revisions, previously, which, at best, were temporary exercises. Most catalogers are

convinced that the new rules will make for more effective and efficient cataloging. The minority, however, are not impressed. They continue to imagine roadblocks and hassles.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Kathleen Whalin, Chief Pamela Stebbins

The department held its first special story hour and puppet show for four and five year olds. The children enjoyed it and the parents were pleased with the production.

Pamela Stebbins and Kathleen Whalin appeared on the cable TV show, "Library Beat," produced by West Virginia Library Commission.

EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

Jo Ellen Flagg, Chief Barry Geesey
Ebtisam Habek

The Extension Department sponsored a two day workshop which was held on consecutive Mondays at the Dunbar Branch Library for twenty clerical staff. The workshop focused on Reference tools, search strategies and reference interviewing. Denise Sticha, Elk Valley Branch Librarian, prepared and conducted the Reference Workshop. The exercise was useful and valuable because it gave our clerical staff an opportunity to become better acquainted with reference books and services so that they may be better prepared and more comfortable when responding to reference inquiries during the absence of the branch librarian.

Mr. Barry Geesey, Homebound Services Librarian since September, 1977, resigned effective March 1, 1981 to accept "a position in Williamson, West Virginia." We understand that he is returning to the ministry.

MARMET BRANCH LIBRARY

Anna Parker, Librarian

Charleston Daily Mail, on Thursday, January 29, 1981, published a picture story of Mrs. Parker who, during the course of her professional responsibilities

and duties, wears several hats. She spends part of the week in Glasgow, some time in Marmet and an occasional visit is made to the Community School Satellite Library in East Bank High School.

Almost every construction project has its unexpected and some times funny happenings; perhaps because we tend to look at things through hindsight vision. Nevertheless, some "problems" existed as the unit was being put together by the DLW (Delay, Linger and Wait) method. Afterwards, we had uninvited visitors (field mice), a defective heat pump which was replaced, doors that closed with some difficulty and were later repaired, and a plastic pipe connection which refused to "deal" with hot water and subsequently caused several leaks. On one occasion, Mrs. Parker discovered some water on the floor and reported that the carpet was soaked "but the mice survived."

To make a short story even shorter, the "wrong" things were made "right" and the frustrations turned to laughs.

The Marmet Library Board (Mr. Terry Fontalbert, President, Mrs. Curry, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Roach and Mrs. Wilson) met on several occasions to consider ways in which they might raise additional funds for which budget resources were unavailable. The members and Mayor Sutphin are optimistic that $3,000 to $5,000 could be raised through such fund raisers as: bake sales, auction, solicitation, raffles and country music concert. The project to raise additional funds would involve their library board members, Woman's Club, service organizations and Friends.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

June R. Martin, Chief
Frances L. Gerard
Gretchen Schwinger

Kanawha County Public Library, through June R. Martin, will sponsor a series of nine programs on "Famous Autobiographies of the 20th Century" and how they answer generation to generation questions on mankind's fate, state

and future.

The cost of $2,700 to Kanawha County Public Library is mostly of an "in kind" nature rather than an out-of-pocket expense. For example, the dollar equivalency for staff time expended in the project, the no charge use of The John V. Ray Room and George S. Laidley Room, use of library materials in proposal preparation, telephone and duplication service and volunteer services of Dr. Elizabeth Cometti total the above.

The department had a number of interesting questions asked in January, 1981; one of which was the following:

> "One of our library patrons received a commission to write an article on Marilyn Horne, Contralto, for the magazine Prime Time. Members of the staff secured a number of articles, from various publications, so that the patron could do 'homework' in preparation for the assignment."

Subsequently, a visit was made to New York by the local writer and the interview was completed and mailed to the publisher. The patron said, in comments to June Martin, that, Marilyn Horne "was a delightful lady...and easy to interview. We got along very well."

Included among a recent gift of unwanted books, from an unidentified donor, was a bound copy of the humor weekly, Sam the Saramouch (1805-86) published in Cincinnati, Ohio. The public library of Cincinnati, upon inquiry, reported that the book carries a current rare book value of approximately $100.00.

ST. ALBANS BRANCH

Peggy Palmer, Branch Librarian Joellen Risacher

The branch is using its Audio Visual equipment frequently. In addition to the television's cable public broadcasting channels, video tapes are proving to be quite useful and popular. This month, St. Albans began showing tapes of a new weekly library-sponsored talk show, storytelling tapes, and taped lessons for a Counseling Class being conducted through COGS, entitled

"Coping With Kids."

The Children's Film Series on Saturday afternoons drew 176 viewers for the five showings, with an average of 35 kids for each one.

St. Albans also held special pre-school Exercise Class in January, on Wednesday mornings and afternoons. The six week sessions averaged 13 attendees each occasion.

SISSONVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY

Daisy Stemple, Librarian

The branch observed its First Anniversary on January 17, 1981 with special activities and refreshments which were provided by the Sissonville Library Board. Approximately 75 persons, Mrs. Stemple reported, "helped us celebrate during the day."

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winnirch

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

FEBRUARY 1981

Job resignations are a fact of work life. Every administration faces resignations with the hope that the new employee will be as good as, if not better than, the previous employee.

There were three librarian resignations in January, 1981, within weeks of each other. My first reaction was "What have we done to deserve this?" You know - the guilt/sin complex. Finally, after some thought and consideration, it was obvious that the "burden of blame" belonged to no one.

Those librarians who left, for good cause, were:

The bookmobile librarian, who wanted to return to Lexington, Kentucky, where she lived previously and where her parents continue to be in residence.

The homebound services librarian who resigned to accept a ministerial position in Williamson, West Virginia.

The audio-visual librarian, with a major in music, who left to accept a music librarian's position at the University of Georgia.

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Sara Sue Wright, Chief
Gene Fleisher, Librarian
Susan Hitchens, Librarian
Jack Kelly, Librarian
Lois Leasure, Librarian

Staff librarians are involved in a cablevision production entitled Library Review which appears on Cablevision 13 each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. Taping sessions are held in West Virginia Library Commission facilities. Our Nielsen Rating isn't what Madison Avenue would want it to be; nevertheless, someone out there is watching because we do receive one or two telephone calls after each show.

One of the catchiest titles for a reading list, prepared by Jack Kelly, was called, "Things That Go Bump in the Night." It highlighted books, in the collection, of horror and the supernatural.

CROSS LANES BRANCH

Mrs. Marilyn Henstock, Branch Librarian (Temporary)

Following the resignation of Sara Mathewson, the day-to-day operation became the responsibility of Sue Copen (Special Clerk), Karen Miller (Junior Clerk) and Marilyn Henstock (Librarian, Substitute). There were interesting moments, challenging days, happy occasions and uneventful hours. Individually and collectively, these three persons represented the library well with distinction and dignity.

MARMET BRANCH LIBRARY

Mrs. Anna Parker, Branch Librarian

The Kroger Company in Marmet, West Virginia presented 150 Christmas candy canes to the branch library for distribution to children who came into the library during the holiday season.

The local library board agreed to have a bake sale on Friday, March 27, 1981 for the purpose of raising funds in support of the branch's objectives and to supplement budgetary appropriations.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

June R. Martin, Chief
Frances Gerard, Librarian
Gretchen Schwinger, Librarian

Have you wondered what high school students, at least the many who spend time at the Library working on term papers, are concerned about? We did, until we discovered the following:

1. Inflation was the number 1 subject; followed quickly by

2. Drunken driving;

3. Effect of proposed tax cuts on housing, health services and transportation; and

4. Capital punishment.

ST. ALBANS BRANCH LIBRARY

Peggy Palmer, Branch Librarian Joellen Risacher, Librarian

Barry Hatfield, custodian, was terminated effective February 17, 1981. Hatfield was not performing satisfactorily in spite of several "hand holding" sessions with Peggy Palmer and James Thomas, Building Superintendent. The following week, a Mr. Khon To was employed on a probationary basis. Although he speaks no English, Mr. To appears willing and eager to work. However, his children of high school age interpret all communications. Mr. To is one of 18 family members from Vietnam being sponsored by two churches in St. Albans.

SISSONVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY

Mrs. Daisy Stemple, Branch Librarian

The Branch was closed at 5:00 p.m., on Wednesday, February 11, 1981, instead of 8:00 p.m., because of bad weather and hazardous road conditions. Despite the lead time, Mrs. Stemple was prevented from leaving the parking lot because some vehicles were stuck in the ice and snow along Clearview Heights Road. The experience could have been a heavy one. It wasn't because Mrs. Stemple received invitations of hospitality from staff and library friends.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winowich

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

MARCH 1981

The public library community in West Virginia continues to be optimistic in spite of the fact that Grant-In-Aid and Public Library Construction remains unresolved in the 65th legislature. The current legislative status is as follows:

a) Governor Rockefeller, in his "State of the State" address, spoke for $3.00 in grant-in-aid and $2½ million in public library construction.

b) West Virginia Senate proposed $3.00 in grant-in-aid and no dollars for public library construction.

c) West Virginia House of Delegates proposed $2.00 in grant-in-aid and $1½ million in public library construction.

Grant-In-Aid for fiscal year 1979/1980 and 1980/1981 remained at $1.54 per capita even though the cost of everything escalated. Some "fearless forecasters" are saying, perhaps hoping, that GIA will move upward. The same group, however, is not as confident with public library construction which is expected to be reduced, substantially, or eliminated.

One of our real and big concerns involves the "problem patron" who is frequently difficult and sometimes threatening and disruptive. More often than not the "problem patron" is a mentally ill person or an alcoholic. The staff and I are beyond the coping stage. We, with friends, tried to make things work within the framework of a pleasant, comfortable and welcome setting. It seemed, frequently, that the harder we tried, the behinder we got. As a consequence, we have developed a code of patron behavior which will be submitted to the Library Board of Directors for its consideration and adoption. We are confident that the new policy statement, posted in visible areas throughout the Main Library, combined with staff training and a police officer as security guard four evenings a week, will help to reduce/eliminate the problem patron. And, if this does not

work, then the court of last resort is the legal process.

At each monthly meeting of the Library Board of Directors, several hundred book bills, general bills, special bills and, on occasion, construction bills are submitted for approval which authorizes payments to vendors. In order to provide for appropriate and desirable checks and balances for goods received and services rendered, a number of Kanawha County Public Library employees and Library Director are involved in the assurance process. Their initials, including mine, are significantly recorded on each invoice. There is a place, also, to accept initials of a member of the Library Board. This part takes a great deal of time and raises a question among some members of the Library Board - is this an unnecessary formality? Can it be eliminated?

To this end, recently, I addressed an inquiry to the State Tax Department of West Virginia seeking their advice with assurances that substantive protection of public library funds was in place and the proposed change was, in no way, an attempt to short circuit essential procedures. We are still awaiting their response.

We continue to be pleased with patron response to the Tuesday afternoon book reviews of Famous Autobiographies of the 20th Century held in The John V. Ray Room which seats 60 persons. The average attendance, thus far, for seven dates, numbers 39.5 persons.

I am pleased to announce the employment of the following librarians:

1. Zetta "Peggy" Walker as Film Librarian, Adult Circulation Department effective March 2, 1981. Ms. Walker was employed, previously, from January, 1973 to September, 1977 with similar responsibilities.

2. Margaret "Peggy" Karkos as Cross Lanes Branch Librarian effective March 10, 1981. She is a graduate of Catholic University of America, Library School, December, 1980.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

Ruth E. Figgatt, Chief Claudia Benton, Librarian

A total of 3,106 books were processed and added to the collection which numbers 475,434 volumes.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

June R. Martin, Chief Gretchen Schwinger, Librarian
Frances Gerard, Librarian

The first in a series of nine book review programs entitled "Great Autobiographies of the 20th Century", Minding The Store by Stanley Marcus was held March 3, 1981. Mr. Newton Margolis reviewed the book and Dr. Elizabeth Cometti served as the Humanities Resource person. 42 persons attended. The program was recorded by Miss Susan Leffler of West Virginia Public Radio and it will be heard on the West Virginia Public Radio network over WVPN Charleston; WVPB Beckley; WVPW Buckhannon and WHPW Huntington on Saturday, March 28, 1981 at 1:00 p.m.

On Tuesday, March 10, 1981 the second program in the Humanities Series was held. Miss Martha Cole, Teacher at Charleston High School gave the review of the book by Jesse Stuart, To Teach, To Love. Mrs. Kitty Frazier, Professor of English at West Virginia State College was the Humanities Resource person. 51 persons were in attendance.

On Tuesday, March 17, 1981, the third program in the Humanities Series was held at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Rebecca Godfrey reviewed two works of autobiography by Arthur Rubinstein - My Young Years and My Many Years. Dr. Robert G. Newman was the Humanities Resource person. 26 persons were in attendance.

On March 25, 1981, the fourth of the Humanities Series was held. Mrs. Eric Wright reviewed My Mother's House and Sido by Colette. Mrs. Kitty Frazier was the Humanities Resource person. 47 persons were in attendance.

On March 31, 1981, the fifth program in the Humanities Series was held. Mrs. Margaret Mills reviewed I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings. Mrs. Kitty Frazier was the Humanities Resource person. 39 people attended.

ST. ALBANS BRANCH LIBRARY

Peggy Palmer, Branch Librarian Joellen Risacher, Librarian

One of the impressive sights at the branch is seeing large numbers of people (adults and juveniles) moving into and out of the building. This heavy traffic is created by the staff and local library board members who are responsible for the many displays, special events, exciting programs (hang gliding, for example - vicariously through films and filmstrips) making the auditorium available to 20 organizations who sponsored 34 meetings including a spring fashion style show and a series of special lecture/seminars on such subjects as breast feeding, nutrition for children, modeling as a career and Easter/Passover holiday celebrations.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winowich

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

APRIL 1981

Famous Autobiographies of the 20th Century, a series of nine book review programs, partially funded by The Humanities Foundation of West Virginia, was concluded successfully on April 28, 1981. Audience numbers ranged from a high of 54 to a low of 26 in a room which seats 60 persons. Audience reaction was unanimously appreciative. Audience membership included library board members, housewives and Senior Americans - retired chemists, teachers, librarians, social workers, ministers and bankers. The pleasant surprise, throughout the series, was the visibility and interest displayed by the 25 high school/college students who attended.

The initiatives, talent and energy of Miss June R. Martin, Chief, Reference Department, who served as Project Director, accounted for much of the success of the project.

Seminars on the Problem Patron will be held on May 26, 27, 28 and 29, 1981 in The John V. Ray Room from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon each day. Classes will be conducted by Dr. Donald L. Bubenzer, Director, Counseling and Guidance, West Virginia College of Graduate Studies. Each staff member is required to attend one session. The sessions on all four days will be essentially the same, concentrating on helping each staff member to deal confidently and competently with patron behavioral situations. Members of the Library Board are cordially invited to attend. The session to be held on Wednesday, May 27, 1981 will be video taped by West Virginia Library Commission for our needs and purposes as-well-as those of the public library community in the State.

Five staff positions (clerical - 4 custodial - 1) are funded in whole by the Comprehensive Employment Training Act for purposes of giving the unemployed a work opportunity. The employment of Ms. Opal Hamrick, Mrs. Nancy Aldrich, Ms. Dorothy Ragland, Mrs. Cordelia Jackson and Mr. Fred Legg will be terminated effective September 30, 1981 because the CETA program was halted by the federal government. Each of the above, however, will become a candidate for any clerical/custodial vacancy.

National Library Week was observed during the week of April 5-11, 1981 with an encouragement extended to the delinquent borrower for the return of overdue materials. This was our way of saying, during "Fine Free Week," that we were more interested in the return of overdue books than in collecting fines. Although I have no specific numbers to record, the staff felt that the project was a success because of the many long overdue books returned and the good will generated by the project.

Helen Smith, Library Board Member, and Denise Sticha, Librarian, Elk Valley Branch Library, attended a workshop sponsored by the University of Kentucky School of Library Science in Lexington. The focus was on Friends of the Library and Volunteers.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

The Library will be one of the early beneficiaries of a program being undertaken by the City of Charleston to "improve downtown lighting." Additional units will be added to light poles on Capitol and Summers Street; at least three of which are at or near the Library. Other streets in the downtown area scheduled to be improved with better lighting are: Dickinson, Lee, Quarrier, Virginia and Washington.

CROSS LANES

Miss Margaret "Peggy" Karkos submitted her first monthly report in April, 1981. She said the following:

April was a month of changes at the Cross Lanes Library. I became the librarian here at the end of March after a three-week orientation to the Kanawha County Public Library System. I found this orientation very helpful and heartily recommend its adoption for future new librarians in the system.

Diana Carter started as our Junior Clerk on April 14. She had been a volunteer here at the library. Diana has many ideas and talents for working with children and young adults and we look forward to her participation in future programs.

Phyllis Jordan from Extension has been a great help both before and after I became librarian. She filled in while Sue Copen had vacation which helped Diana Carter become more familar with the Library's procedures.

With all the personnel changes it is no wonder some of our regular patrons look puzzled and ask us where everyone went. One of our volunteers told us she was the most senior person here as she had been volunteering since the library opened five years ago. Now that Cross Lanes Library is fully staffed there should not be as many changes for a while.

MARMET BRANCH LIBRARY

The Library Board (Terry Fontalbert, President; Mrs. Carolyn Sue Curry, Vice-President; Mr. Wayne Johnson, Member; Mrs. Anna Roach, Member; and Mrs. Leonard Wilson, Secretary/Treasurer) met on Friday, April 10, 1981 to amend and adopt a set of bylaws and to have an election of officers. Mrs. Anna Parker, Librarian, was pleased to announce the re-election of incumbents.

The Branch is pleased to announce receipt of several cash gifts:

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| Ashbury and James TV Cable | $100 |
| Columbia Hydrocarbon | 100 |
| Dupont | 50 |
| FMC | 50 |
| Turnpike Ford | 300 |
| West Virginia Water Company | 25 |
| Woman's Club of Marmet | 50 |
| Total | $675 |

REFERENCE

The department received a valuable gift with the acquisition of Volume I, (Numbers 1, 2 and 3) Goldenseal: A Quarterly of West Virginia Traditional Life for 1975. The material was reported, previously, as out-of-print and no longer available. Now, thanks to Miss Louise Bing of Charleston, our kind friend, the Library owns a complete set of the magazine.

ST. ALBANS

Funded by a grant from the Humanities Foundation of West Virginia, Project Director and Author, Faith Holseart, said, "I believe people of all ages and backgrounds have a creative potential waiting to be tapped and that each of us has a story to tell." The writing workshop, seven sessions, were held at the St. Albans Library and pre-registration was required.

Respectfully submitted,

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

MAY 1981

Banking institutions are permitted to offer interest bearing Negotiable Order of Withdrawal (NOW) checking accounts to libraries under a proposed interpretation of rules announced by the Federal Reserve System. NOW accounts, currently, are available to individual and certain, select nonprofit organizations. The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, to simplify matters, proposes to make NOW accounts available to nonprofit organizations described in section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and to governmental units if the funds are used for purposes of schools, colleges, libraries or hospitals.

Kanawha County Public Library Finance Committee (which receives and manages all money gifts presented to the Library) maintains a checking account (paying no interest) and a savings account (paying 5¼% annual interest) at Kanawha Valley Bank. Both these accounts are in process of being combined into an interest-bearing NOW checking account. The new opportunity is expected to generate nearly $2,500.00 in additional income.

Sunday library service, offered by Kanawha County Public Library in Charleston, Dunbar and St. Albans was concluded, for the current fiscal year, on May 16, 1981 and is expected to resume on September 13, 1981.

Sunday library service is not offered during the summer months.

West Virginia Library Commission, in cooperation with Marshall University, conducted its eighth annual, "in service" training program for public library clerical employees. The following staff attended the recent two week session held from May 11, 1981 to May 22, 1981:

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| Sue Copen: | Cross Lanes |
| Traletta Wallace: | Marmet |
| Nova Casto: | Elk Valley |
| Maureen Glasford: | Circulation |
| Cortez Johnson: | Circulation |
| Phyllis Jordan: | Extension |
| Jane Broadwater: | Extension |
| Vicki Price Cox: | St. Albans |
| Wanda Good: | Dunbar |
| Janice Crawford: | Children's |

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

James L. Thomas, Superintendent
James George
Spurgeon Hankins
Fred Legg
Clayton Long
Emanuel Robinson

Charleston Fire Prevention Bureau made an unannounced fire-safety inspection of the main library facilities on Thursday, May 14, 1981. Their report stated that "in the opinion of this inspector, there were no hazardous conditions in this area at the time of this inspection." We are pleased to have earned this kind of an evaluation because it demonstrates our good housekeeping habits, it reflects our concern for safety and it presents us with an opportunity to receive the best possible rates from the insurance carrier.

EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

Jo Ellen Flagg, Chief
Jane Broadwater
Arrietta Burgess
Brian Diller
Ronald Finney
Sonjia Fleck
Lucy Frazier
Ebtisam Habek, Librarian
Robert Henson
Phyllis Jordan
Mary Frances Lee
Franca Martin
Jay Pauley
Nancy Pennington

One of two librarian vacancies in the Extension Department was filled when Miss Lois Leasure transferred from Adult Circulation Department. Miss Leasure was employed effective October 25, 1979 following graduation from University of Maryland in August, 1979.

Noble Order Of Bookworm reading certificates were awarded to Children served by branch libraries in Cross Lanes (169), Dunbar (80), Elk Valley (135),

Glasgow (98), St. Albans (418), Sissonville (50), and Marmet (50). Each elementary school child is required to read a total of 30 public library books during the school year.

The department sponsored a special workshop on Library services for the Young Adult. Professor Mary K. Chelton, University of Alabama School of Library Science, and formerly President, Young Adult Services, American Library Association,conducted the seminar. Most staff librarians were in attendance. This special event was funded by a Grant received from the West Virginia Library Commission.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

June Martin, Chief
Gretchen Schwinger, Librarian
Frances Gerard, Librarian
Onnalee Arcuri

Dr. Otis K. Rice, Professor of History and Chairman of the Department at West Virginia Institute of Technology, made a special visit to the Library for the purpose of autographing copies of his books held in the West Virginiana Collection. Dr. Rice is presently working on a new book and he continues to use our facility and its resources.

SISSONVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY

Daisy Stemple, Branch Librarian
Janie Derrick

The Sissonville Library Board met on May 26, 1981 in the Branch to make plans for the third annual 4th of July Celebration and fund raising drive. The community, its neighbors and friends, pitches in with good home-made food, foot stompin' music and fun games for the purpose of raising its share of the 1981/1982 branch operating/maintenance budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winowich

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

JUNE 1981

The Charleston Daily Mail featured a story, with pictures, of a new library located in Orchard Manor. It was written by our own Wilma Higginbotham; before retirement, Life Styles Editor for the newspaper. It is a very interesting and informative feature. Ms. Taunya Edwards is an enthusiastic and delightful person and library manager. Please see attached.

Kanawha County Public Library played a significant role in the project and I am pleased with the effort and contributions, specifically, of our Extension Department staff.

Interestingly enough, the original grant proposal, submitted by the Charleston Housing Authority, requested nearly $74,000 for various and useful purposes. HUD, however, rejected everything BUT the library Component of $12,500.

American Library Association

Annual Conference

June 25, 1981 - July 2, 1981

San Francisco, California

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The American Library Association observed its 100th Conference in its 105th year history. Circumstances such as the Second World War and Depression Years prevented several happenings.

Library Services Act (LSA) and Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) became 25 years old (June, 1956 - June, 1981) with a special observation in San Francisco on Tuesday, June 30, 1981.

> The Library Services Act was enacted to assist the states in extending and improving public library services to rural and underserved areas. Over the years the purpose of LSA and the

succeeding LSCA has been broadened to include service to urban areas, public library construction (Charleston, St. Albans and South Charleston) improvement of library services for the physically/visually handicapped, the institutionalized disadvantaged, older persons, strengthening major urban libraries, strengthening state library agencies and promotion of interlibrary cooperation. The current authorization runs through fiscal year 1981/1982.

Some Accomplishments:

1. Improved state funding from $5 million to $164 million.

2. Number of counties without public library service declined from 940 to 297.

3. Approximately 17 million people benefited from public library services for the first time.

4. Nearly 2,000 public library buildings have been built or remodeled.

5. Almost all public libraries in U. S. (between 8,300 - 8,500) benefited from LSA/LSCA grants.

6. Nearly 171 million books have been purchased with a combination of LSCA, state and local funds.

The slide/sound extravaganza, "Star Years LSCA," produced by Fred Glazer, recalled the birth, childhood, adolescence and maturity of the Library Services and Construction Act. On three 9 foot by 12 foot screens, pictures showed the significant events of LSCA in the context of the pop cultures of the years from 1956 to 1981. An appreciative audience gave Glazer and Ross Taylor, member, West Virginia Library Commission, a standing ovation at the finish.

More than 12,500 persons/librarians, trustees, friends, students and exhibitors registered for the conference; many were foreign nationals.

The 1981 Newberry Medal for the most distinguished American contribution to literature for children published in 1980 was awarded to Katherine Paterson for her work entitled Jacob Have I Loved. The recipient of the 1981 Caldecott Medal for the most distinguished American picture book for children published in 1980

was Arnold Lobel for Fables.

Speakers at a "Future of the Book" program agreed that THE BOOK will survive and will continue to be useful and valuable because it was convenient, easy to use and familiar to all. However, dancing in the wings are the technologies of the computer, electronics and gadgetry.

Librarians concerned about funding under LSCA can take short term satisfaction from the fact that this legislation is currently being protected by Congress and funding is expected to hold firm at $74.5 million for fiscal year 1981/1982. However, the problem lies with the administration proposal to reduce funding by 25%.

The 101st annual conference will be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from July 10-17, 1982. ALA President Elizabeth Stone is Dean, Catholic University, School of Library Science.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

Ruth E. Figgatt, Chief
Susan Ferguson
Darlena Harris
Barbara Jackson
Sharon Megginson
Kathy Nida
Mary Penn
Claudia Benton, Librarian
Pam Reger
Jackie Rowell
Mae Thomas
Vicki Townsend
Sandy Trimble

A total of 2,681 books were added to the collection which numbers 482,841 volumes.

CROSS LANES BRANCH

Peggy Karkos, Branch Librarian
Diana Carter
Sue Copen
Patty Miller

On Saturday, June 6, 1981, a young lady learning to drive, lost control of her van and ran smack into the library building. There was some visible damage: broken thermal glass window on vestibule and a broken ceramic pot.

Mr. Jerry Goff, Architect, upon our request, made an inspection and offered the following comments:

> "There appears to be no structural damage to the building."
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> "Damage appears to be limited to superficial defacing of the building and I would not anticipate any problem due to this accident..."

DUNBAR BRANCH LIBRARY

Stephen Crowley, Branch Librarian
Danny Dixon
Wanda Good
Mary Hermansdorfer
Rosalind Reid
Shirley Williams

Dunbar Library Board presented Steve Crowley, Branch Librarian, a check for $200.00 and an opportunity to attend the annual conference of the American Library Association in San Francisco, California, from June 23, 1981 to July 3, 1981. An additional sum of $700.00 was authorized by Kanawha County Public Library for purpose stated above.

MARMET BRANCH LIBRARY

Anna Parker, Branch Librarian
Traletta Wallace, Special Clerk

The Marmet Community through its interested Friends, contributed $675.00 to the local library board. These funds will be disbursed, upon authority of the local library board, Mr. Terry Fontalbert, president, for special needs and purposes which are not currently budgeted. For example, they (librarian and board) may choose to purchase a globe of the world or an additional set of encyclopedia. The contributors, to date, are:

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| Turnpike Ford (pledge) | $300.00 |
| Asbury & James Cablevision | 100.00 |
| Columbia Hydrocarbon | 100.00 |
| Dupont | 50.00 |
| FMC | 50.00 |
| Marmet Woman's Club | 50.00 |
| West Virginia Water Co. | 25.00 |
| | $675.00 |

Mr. James Thomas, Building Superintendent, installed a rubber mat on the wooden ramp entrance which became slippery when wet. The safety factor was improved immeasurably.

ST. ALBANS BRANCH LIBRARY

Peggy Palmer, Branch Librarian
Vicki Cox
Bridget Herndon
Cathie Jensen
Joellen Risacher, Librarian
Barbara Riley
Khon To

The auditorium continues to be used as a valuable resource for community, non-library organizations. There were, last month, 35 scheduled meetings sponsored by 14 groups.

The walls in the stairwell were painted. Two coats of a dark, rich, blue, semi-gloss were required to hide grafitti which could no longer be removed. The walls were cleaned, repeatedly, and the only alternative was paint which might be a little more resistant to lipstick, ball point and felt tip pens.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winowich

NO REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR FOR JULY 1981 WAS WRITTEN

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

AUGUST 1981

"All About Charleston" is a "Monoply" type game which was designed, sponsored and promoted by the Charleston Regional Chamber of Commerce. It features local business, industry and public institutions. The game is scheduled to be ready for the late fall in time for the Christmas Season at a cost of approximately $5.00.

The game will be played with dice, play money and tokens. In addition to the purchase of properties (banks, businesses and industry) only several institutions will be represented. Kanawha County Public Library is one. When a player lands on "our square," he/she receives a free turn and an invitation to "check out a painting, book, phonograph record or sculpture."

Sincerely Yours: The Life And Work Of Leonard Riggleman was published recently and is available for $5.95 at any of the following bookstores in Charleston: Arcade, Diamond, Major's and Moore's. It is a biography of a friend, colleague, educator, churchman and community leader. Dr. Riggleman was honored by the Library Board of Directors at its meeting held on May 7, 1980 for his 30 years of service to this institution and its purposes and functions.

Mark Garrett, the author, is a grandson and writer who declared, in his preface, "if at times my respect and admiration for this amazing man are noticeable, I make no apology."

A recent out-of-state visitor was a young librarian from Richmond, Virginia who discovered Kanawha County Public Library while having lunch in McDonald's. Following a tour and conversation with several members of the staff she left impressed with many kind words for our "cataloging by computer" through our OCLC terminal, invoice analysis via Radio Shack's microcomputer, framed art reproduction lending program and drive-in window service.

There was some feeling of concern among Stern and myself that the City of St. Albans might want to consider a reduction of its annual financial obligation of $17,646 scheduled for fiscal year 1981/1982. Subsequently, several conversations later, we received strong assurances from the City Clerk-Treasurer that "city funds have been budgeted" in support of branch library purposes in St. Albans.

Joel Stern reported in the Library Board minutes of August 5, 1981 that several insurance claims were pending. An up-date or current status report shows that all (3) transactions have been completed and payments made by insurance carriers (theirs 2 - ours 1).

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Kathleen Whalin, Chief
Mary Burgess
Janice Crawford
Pam Stebbins, Librarian
Arbutus Glenn
Betty Harper

Kanawha County Public Library and its Children's Department contributed, in a small but meaningful measure, to the success of Charleston's Regatta Week. Puppet shows, staged and performed by professionals, were presented twice on Saturday, August 29, 1981 to SRO crowds; mostly children, BUT many parents (mostly Daddys).

We were pleased with the productions because they gave children and parents an opportunity to view a first class show, it helped to make the library more visible to some "first-time-only" visitors and it helped to promote goodwill. Funding for the Poppinjay Puppets Project was made possible by a special grant from West Virginia Arts and Humanities Council.

ST. ALBANS LIBRARY

Peggy Palmer, Chief
Vicki Cox
Bridget Herndon

Joellen Risacher, Librarian
Cathie Jensen
Barbara Riley

The summer reading club program ended on August 10, 1981. A total of 371 children were registered but only 291 finished.

Since the goal of our program was to promote reading, and not to foster competion, the 43% who participated is an impressive number for us. A special recognition cermony was held on August 19, 1981. Entertainmnet was provided by "Cricket" a magican/clown. Refreshments and gifts (paperback books) were paid by the St. Albans Library Board. There were no losers. All participants earned and received a special reading certificate.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winovich

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

SEPTEMBER 1981

The Fall, Winter and Spring branch library schedule, for the current fiscal year, became operational Tuesday, September 14, 1981 and is expected to conclude Saturday, May 29, 1982.

Afterwards, the Summer arrangement becomes effective Tuesday, June 1, 1982 and continues to remain in effect through the Labor Day week.

These changes are made so that branch staff may have the opportunity of enjoying Saturday weekends during the Summer months.

The current 1981/1982 Fall, Winter and Spring branch library schedule, including those of Clendenin and Nitro, are noted as follows:

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| CLENDENIN LIBRARY | Sunday and Monday | CLOSED |
| | Tuesday and Thursday | 10:00 am - 8:00 pm |
| | Wednesday and Friday | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm |
| | Saturday | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm |
| CROSS LANES LIBRARY | Sunday and Monday | CLOSED |
| | Tuesday and Thursday | 10:00 am - 8:00 pm |
| | Wednesday and Friday | 9:00 am - 5:30 pm |
| | Saturday | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm |
| DUNBAR LIBRARY | Sunday | 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm |
| | Monday - Thursday | 9:00 am - 9:00 pm |
| | Friday and Saturday | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm |
| ELK VALLEY LIBRARY | Sunday and Monday | CLOSED |
| | Tuesday and Thursday | 10:00 am - 8:00 pm |
| | Wednesday and Friday | 9:00 am - 5:30 pm |
| | Saturday | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm |
| GLASGOW LIBRARY | Sunday | CLOSED |
| | Monday, Wednesday, Thursday | 10:00 am - 5:30 pm |
| | Tuesday | 10:00 am - 8:00 pm |
| | Friday | 1:00 pm - 5:30 pm |
| | Saturday | CLOSED |
| MARMET LIBRARY | Sunday and Monday | CLOSED |
| | Tuesday | 12:30 pm - 5:30 pm |
| | Wednesday and Friday | 10:00 am - 5:30 pm |
| | Thursday | 10:00 am - 8:00 pm |
| | Saturday | 10:00 am - 3:00 pm |

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| NITRO LIBRARY | Sunday and Thursday | CLOSED |
| | Monday | 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm |
| | Tuesday and Friday | 12:00 noon - 6:00 pm |
| | Wednesday | 10:00 am - 6:00 pm |
| | Saturday | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm |
| ST. ALBANS LIBRARY | Sunday | 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm |
| | Monday, Tuesday, Thursday | 9:00 am - 9:00 pm |
| | Wednesday, Friday, Saturday | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm |
| SISSONVILLE LIBRARY | Sunday and Monday | CLOSED |
| | Tuesday and Thursday | 10:00 am - 8:00 pm |
| | Wednesday and Friday | 9:00 am - 5:30 pm |
| | Saturday | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm |

Several meetings (2) involving staff (librarians, clericals and custodians) were held for the purpose of receiving their input and encouraging their involvement in the long range planning process which is expected to continue for some time to come. The staff is excited with the opportunity to help in determining priorities and in choosing the short, medium and long range direction of Kanawha County Public Library.

Grace Martin Frame Taylor's water color painting entitled Studio Window will be on exhibit at the Cultural Center from October 24, 1981 through February, 1982. This outstanding work by a local artist was frequently seen in The Library Board of Directors Room and has been a part of its permanent collection since 1945.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Robert Cronbach's sculpture - hills and mountains of West Virginia - rests comfortably in a fountain recirculating 500 gallons of water. Everything was fine until several days ago when we discovered the absence of water. Where did it go? There were no visible signs of drips, puddles or water stains. What to do? Call the experts - West Virginia Water Company. Their leak detector inspector, with sensitive instrumentation, located the problem in an unexpected place. Their experience and our luck is expected to save considerable time, labor, energy, cost and the horror of digging in the wrong place.

ADULT CIRCULATION

Miss Deborah Voigt of Champaign, Illinois was appointed Adult Circulation librarian effective Tuesday, September 1, 1981. A brief resume follows:

Education

University of Illinois, Urbana, BA 1974 (German)

University of Illinois, Urbana, MA 1976 (German)

University of Illinois, Urbana, MS 1977 (Library Science)

Experience

Cataloger, University of Illinois, Urbana

Head Librarian, Champaign, Illinois, News-Gazette Newspaper Library

She identified herself, in her letter of application, as one who was "dedicated and energetic." The search committee and department chief concurred with that evaluation.

GLASGOW

Ms. Maria Porter, Special Clerk, is a unique person, who, having been a participant in a previous Marshall University/West Virginia Library Commission Practicums continues to be a student in search of a degree. Her previous experience in Huntington, together with credits earned to date, will eventually lead to an undergraduate degree some years into the future; and eventually a Masters in library work.

REFERENCE

Miss June R. Martin and I, with help from friends (Harry Brawley, David George and others), expect to enrich the Library's collection of local history photographs. We are getting "cranked-up," now, in preparation for Charleston's 200th Anniversary to be observed in 1988. Our modest collection includes early scenes of Charleston/Kanawha County, Capitol fire of 1921, transportation and construction projects; to

name only a few subjects.

ST. ALBANS

Miss Palmer reported that several memorial checks were presented to the St. Albans Branch in memory and honor of Harry White who served that institution with affection and attention.

SISSONVILLE

Mrs. Stemple reported that the Sissonville Friends of the Library, Inc. was organized, recently. Their first meeting was held on Monday, September 14, 1981 at Flinn Elementary School. Their principal objective is to assist the Library Board and/or conduct a fund-raising drive which would meet the branch's commitment of support of approximately $4,300 for fiscal 1981/1982.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winowich

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

OCTOBER 1981

We received an invitation from the Board of Directors of the Cabell County Public Library to attend the dedication of its new Milton Branch Library in Milton, West Virginia on Sunday, November 8, 1981.

The U. S. Postal Service has advised us it will issue a first class (20¢) "Libraries in America" Commemorative Stamp in April, 1982 in Washington, D. C.

As the result of a recent decision by a U. S. District Court, it is now legal, under new Federal Reserve Board regulations, for banks to open interest-bearing "NOW" checking accounts for libraries, schools, colleges and hospitals.

We expect soon to open a NOW account with the cooperation of Kanawha County Board of Education, our fiscal agent. All cash balances not invested in Certificates of Deposit, which must be in units of at least $100.000, will be kept in the NOW account.

A minimum cash balance will be kept in a NOW account because favorable cash position funds are invested in Money Market Certificates.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

Capitol Street fountain developed a leak bad enough to cause us to close it down. Despite help from the Water Company, we have not yet found the location of the leak. We know it went somewhere, but where? We hoped to eliminate the horror of digging in the wrong places by enlisting the help of the Water Company's leak finder and expert. No such luck. Upon the advice of experts, our building and grounds staff is digging its second "fox-hole."

The gas fired boilers (2) have been inspected, "tuned-up" and prayed over for another winter season. Each unit is capable of making and sustaining a warm and comfortable atmosphere.

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

Gene Fleisher, Debbie Voigt and Joel Stern made their second court appearance for the trespass complaint lodged against Ms. Moran by Mr. Stern. Judge Goldman found her guilty but suspended additional sentencing because of two week's incarceration.

The department staff hosted a program and reception on October 23, 1981, for Ellen Galinsky, author of Between Generations: The Six Stages of Parenthood. Mrs. Galinsky is a consultant and lecturer on child and adult development and is on the faculty of the Bank Street College of Education in New York City. Ellen Galinsky is a native of Charleston, West Virginia.

CROSS LANES BRANCH

One of our library patrons and active/enthusiastic volunteers is Miss Patricia Dyer and a resident of the Cross Lanes area. Recently, Pat had her psychology final examination forwarded from Northern Virginia Community College to the Cross Lanes Branch where it was proctored by Miss Margaret Karkos, Branch Librarian on October 8, 1981. The special arrangement was necessary because of illness in the student's family.

On October 15, 1981 some unknown mean and nasty person or persons for unknown reason(s) pitched a rock through one of our windows; fortunately a small one. The incident was reported to the sheriff's department and state police detachment. Each in turn promised more night time visits and we pledged to improve outside lighting. A previous incident occurred in June.

GLASGOW BRANCH

The Library Board and Mrs. Anna Parker, Librarian, are actively engaged in the process of developing a list of prospective board members. Arranged alphabetically by community these persons are:

Cedar Grove

Mrs. Peggy Hendrick
Mrs. Linda Richards

Charleston Heights

Mrs. Juanita Steele

Glasgow

Mrs. Watenia Alley
Mrs. Minnie Cordell
Mrs. Jane Lively
Mrs. Carol Swope
Mr. Mike Telisko

Hugheston

Mrs. Sandra Singleton

Kelly's Creek

Mrs. Laura Lewis

ST. ALBANS BRANCH

A Polaroid Sun Camera, gift of the Pilot Club of St. Albans, was presented to the Branch Library so that staff may make photographic records of its programs and activities.

The Saturday afternoon film programs, there were five in October, 1981, attracted 103 viewers or almost 21 persons for each event.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winiewicz

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

NOVEMBER 1981

An unforgettable event and the nicest surprise of my life took place on Wednesday, November 4, 1981 at approximately 2:35 p.m. in The John V. Ray Room when the Library Board of Directors brought family and friends together in honor of my 25th Anniversary as Library Director, Kanawha County Public Library. I loved every moment - the fellowship, the hospitality, the surprise, the tray, the cup and the words. The event was beautiful and I have the pictures to keep it alive.

Thank you so much, to each of you.

The 16mm film Charleston, 1932 was discovered in the basement of the Kearse Theater during a recent inspection of the building. To the surprise and satisfaction of the owners, The Charleston Daily Mail and Kearse family, who funded the original project, the picture and sound qualities remained in tact. Additional prints were made and presented to the West Virginia Library Commission and to the Department of Culture and History. A copy will become available to Kanawha County Public Library.

The one hour film is in black and white (of course) and the sound (sometimes scratchy) comes through loud and clear. The Downtown and West Side scenes are most exciting: the automobiles, the street cars, the crowds on Capitol Street, the former Post Office and Court House (now occupied by us), businesses once located on Quarrier (remember Blubaugh Bakery and Cook Drugs) and the faces of many children (my contemporaries today).

The film will be shown upon request and on special occasions. It will certainly become a valuable addition to the Library's collection of local history materials.

The Library's Oral History Project continues to function with the assistance of Dr. Eugene Harper, Professor of History, University of Charleston. The most recent assignment, now completed, was a conversation with Mr. Price Williams of Hansford. Formerly a teacher of many years in Boone and Kanawha Counties, Mr. Williams talked about events and personalities of the past including the fact that the mother of Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. was born and raised in the area.

Other subjects include Mr. Dewey E. S. Kuhns and Mr. Simon Galperin.

Several friends of Kanawha County Public Library have made it possible to enrich the institution's local history picture collection. I am pleased to identify the following donors: Harry Brawley, Ned Chilton, Mrs. Sam Moore, John Santrock and Charlie Williamson, Jr. There will be others I am certain.

DO THE CHARLESTON is a new game created by the Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce. It highlights business and industry and gives significant "billing" to several institutions; one of whom is the Kanawha County Public Library. A place on the board was available for a promotional fee with four exceptions. We were not assessed nor required to make any payment.

The game is interesting and challenging. It plays pretty much on the order of Monopoly. The cost is reasonable at $10.95.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

All heating equipment (boilers, furnaces and heat pumps) at all locations have been prepared for efficient, safe, satisfactory and comfortable operations during the cold winter months ahead. There were no problems. Rather, it was

routine: changing filters, adjusting pilot lights, inspection/adjustments of thermostats, replacement of some fire brick and general "tune-up."

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

Our cataloging by computer effort (Online Computer Library Center) was "down" most of November, 1981 because of the installation of a new generation of computers in a new location near Columbus, Ohio. The new addition will give all clients an opportunity to do a good job faster without increasing costs.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Kathleen Whalin, Department Chief, and Pamela Stebbins, Librarian, continue to spend considerable time and effort with boys and girls on the children's home grounds: day care centers, kindergartens and schools. Stories are told and puppet shows (using a portable, light stage) are conducted. Emphasis, as always, is on books, reading and libraries.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

Dr. Otis Rice, Chairman, Department of History, West Virginia Institute of Technology and author of a new book entitled, CHARLESTON AND THE KANAWHA VALLEY was honored on Thursday, November 19, 1981 at 2:30 p.m. at a special reception in The John V. Ray Room. Afterwards, Dr. Rice spoke about the book, his work on it and the need for publication of local history materials.

ST. ALBANS BRANCH

We are pleased and proud to report that Miss Peggy Palmer, Branch Librarian, was honored by West Virginia Library Association at its Annual Conference at The Greenbrier when she was recognized as its OUTSTANDING NEW LIBRARIAN FOR 1981. The award was presented at a special recognition ceremony on Friday, November 13, 1981.

SISSONVILLE BRANCH

Mrs. Daisy Stemple continues to be pleased with the community's response to our Saturday Family Film Festival. The large numbers include many parents.

The parking lot lights have been repaired following a lot of unhappiness. The equipment (fixtures and timer) are finally operating as designed. Previously, it refused to function only because the underground cable was near the surface and may have been damaged when steel barriers were installed to protect the air conditioner/heat pump from "careless" drivers.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winowich

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

DECEMBER 1981

The annual staff Christmas dinner was served on Tuesday, December 15, 1981 between 11:00 a. m. - 2:00 p. m. All goodies were cooked, baked, fried or broiled, at home, and each participating staff member brought one thing. Contributions were made for the turkey and ham.

A film, Charleston, 1932, funded in part by the Charleston Daily Mail and Kearse, is expected to be added to the Library's local history collection. A print has been made and will be shown, on occasions, in The John V. Ray Room following delivery. Kanawha County Public Library, in preparation of Charleston's 200th Anniversay, in 1988, and as an obligation to its purpose and function in local history, is beginning to accumulate photographs of the city - some of which are scenes of the early 1900's. These rare and valuable additions will strengthen the local history picture collection already in place. Our effort has become easier with the help of Harry Brawley, Ned Chilton, Mrs. Sam Moore, John Santrock and Charlie Williamson, Jr. Stories and pictures appearing in local newspapers also have been helpful. I hasten to add that our attention in these matters is broad enough to include and to accept historical photographs of the Kanawha Valley.

Thanks and appreciation are extended to the Library Board of Directors for making it possible to send staff to the West Virginia Library Association Annual Conference held at The Greenbrier on November 12-14, 1981. Attending staff are: Ms. Lois Leasure (Extension), Mrs. Daisy Stemple (Sissonville), Mrs. Sara Sue Wright (Adult Circulation), and Joel Stern and Nick Winowich (Administration).

I wish to recognize the thoughtfulness and kindness of the Library Boards in Cross Lanes, Dunbar and St. Albans who made funds available in order that Ms. Peggy Karkos, Steve Crowley and Miss Peggy Palmer could attend.

There is a new game in town, "DO THE CHARLESTON," a Monopoly-type creation produced, in a limited quantity,by the Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce for $10.95. Kanawha County Public Library is visible on the board and is a part of the game.

My family and I, on a personal note, expresses its deep appreciation to the Library Board of Directors for the wonderful, exciting, SURPRISE party given to me on the occasion of my Silver Anniversary. I will never forget the event and will always cherish, with fondness and affection, the tray and mug and the fellowship and hospitality.

Framed copies of the Library's Code of Patron Behavior were posted in the branches and main library.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

The departmental staff is all cranked-up and ready to take on the job of snow removal. Fortunately, there has been little to date. We will conquer the white stuff as in the past and as follows:

Charleston

With sidewalk snow plow and assistance to branches.

Cross Lanes

Sidewalk of 9 feet. No problem for staff.

Dunbar

Branch custodian using City's sidewalk plow. No problem for staff.

Elk Valley

Hire on an hourly basis, the same person who does snow removal at Elk National Bank. No problem for staff.

Glasgow

Municipal worker. No problem for staff.

Marmet

Municipal worker. No problem for staff.

St. Albans

Branch custodian on call and when needed. No problem for other members of staff.

Sissonville

Hire hourly labor when necessary. Flinn School custodian employed. No problem for staff.

Thermostatic controls, throughout system were re-calibrated to achieve a greater accuracy and devices set at 69°.

The fire alarm system at the Main Library received its semi-annual check-up. It was found to be operating as designed. All smoke and thermal detectors, you will recall, are connected to one dedicated, telephone line which goes directly to the Central Fire Station in downtown Charleston. Similar safety devices have been checked at Cross Lanes, Dunbar, Elk Valley, Glasgow, Marmet, and Sissonville branches and found to be operating as designed.

New exterior lighting has been added at Cross Lanes. In addition to better lighting, both front and rear, our handsome sign, facing Krogers and State Road 25, was lighted for the first time to tell travelers and shoppers who we are.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

OCLC (On line Computer Library Center - formerly know as Ohio Colleges Library Center) gives us the capability of cataloging by computer. Additionally, it makes it possible for Kanawha County Public Library to give "sudden service"

to patrons who make Interlibrary Loan reqests for books not in our collection. By striking the proper keys, we know which institution has the requested material. This saves time and avoids delay by communicating directly instead of guessing who might have the book. We are pleased with the quality of service rendered because the patron, appreciative of faster service, responds with kind and generous comments.

A total of 1,788 books were processed and added to the collection which numbers 494,443 volumes.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

The month of December is also the time for Chanukah, a festive day of rededication. Exhibits were arranged and a workshop to make cards was arranged.

MARMET BRANCH

December's slush and mud left unwelcome tracks on the Branch's carpeting. The town of Marmet, at the suggestion of library board members, provided equipment, material and personnel for a carpet shampoo. The place is clean and attractive again and is expected to remain that way now that the weather is better.

An outstanding example of the near-ultimate in space utilization occurred when the Branch's Metro Map was attached to the ceiling. So far, everyone - staff and patrons, regard it as a master move. No sore necks have been reported.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

The Library's Oral History Project continues with the help of Dr. Eugene Harper, Professor of History, University of Charleston. Dr. Harper's conversation with Price Williams, age 92 and a former teacher, has been taped. Other persons to be interviewed include Mr. Simon Galperin and Mr. Dewey Kuhns.

According to an article in the ALA Washington Newsletter, December 2, 1981, U. S. Archivist Robert M. Warner announced that the Fort Worth Federal Archives and Records Center will discontinue interlibrary loans of microfilm publications effective December 10, 1981. About 400,000 reels of census, diplomatic, pension and other vital information, used heavily by genealogists, will no longer be available because of budget cuts.

Kanawha County Public Library has used both the Philadelphia Center and Fort Worth Center on behalf of our patrons. It seems to be only a question of time before Philadelphia reduces and/or eliminates this service. It is possible, however, that this program may be resumed on a fee basis if a private vendor should contract with the government.

ST. ALBANS BRANCH

Miss Peggy Palmer, Banch Librarian, St. Albans, was honored by West Virginia Library Association as its OUTSTANDING NEW LIBRARIAN for 1981. The award was presented at a special ceremony during the annual conference held at The Greenbrier.

SISSONVILLE BRANCH

Friends of Sissonville Library, recently organized, have been busy "shaking the money tree" for the purposes of raising additional funds to purchase "goods and services" not budgeted in the fiscal year 1981/1982. The news, to date, is encouraging. Pledges totaling nearly $3000 have been received and there was confidence that an additional $1500/$2000 could be raised from individuals and businesses before June, 1982.

Mrs. Stemple reported that circulation of library materials during December, 1981 was down by a small margin. She cited several reasons:

a) Heavy, wet snow on December 17, 1981

b) Hazardous driving conditions

c) Holiday season

Sissonville Lions Club donated a Christmas tree which was decorated by the Pocatalico Junior Women's Club in an international theme.

Miss Kim Slater, a student at Sissonville High School, was assigned to the Branch on a 15 hour weekly, work study program.

Mrs. Stemple and staff are proud of the fact that the Branch, during December, 1981, issued its 2,000th borrower's card.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Winovich

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

JANUARY 1982

Mrs. Betty Jane Harper, Special Clerk, Children's Department, while removing decorations from the Christmas tree, on January 4, 1982, slipped from the step ladder she was using and fell. She sustained a deep laceration to the head and was rushed to the emergency room of CAMC (General Division). Preliminary reports seem to indicate no serious injury to head, back and/or neck.

Many persons telephoned or visited the Library the next day to inquire about Mrs. Harper's condition. Their concern was prompted by a picture which appeared in that morning's The Charleston Gazette. The staff, without exception, felt that this kind of response was a healthy, heartwarming re-confirmation of the basic compassion of people.

On Tuesday morning, January 5, 1982, a library patron telephoned me to report that he had found anti-Sematic hate scribbled in a number of books on religion while looking for material in preparation for teaching Sunday School. Upon investigation, Stern and I discovered that 21 books carried the garbage of hate and revulsion. The scribbling has been erased, where possible, and end papers removed. Staff has been alerted and all appropriate action will be taken against the guilty.

I wish to recognize receipt of special cash gifts received during the calendar year of 1981:

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| William A. Bradford Fund | $ 7214.75 |
| Steele A. Hawkins Trust | 2305.19 |
| KB&T Charitable Trust | 1500.00 |
| Other gifts, totaling | 1099.61 |
| Blanche & Bernard Jacobson Foundation | 1000.00 |
| John V. Ray Fund | 588.20 |
| Total | $13,707.75 |

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

A total of 2,048 books were added to the collection which numbers 496,138 volumes.

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

Deborah Voigt, an adult circulation librarian who is one of our newest staff members, was married on January 25, 1982 to William Loeding, an officer with the West Virginia Air National Guard.

The Department circulates cassette tapes furnished by the Internal Revenue Service to interested library patrons on how to prepare income tax forms. It is a quick and easy way to do the job and enough people were impressed that we decided to provide this same service through the branches.

Tuesday morning, January 19, 1982, before 9:00 a. m., had to be one of the most dangerous on record when the streets and sidewalks were covered with a sheet of ice. A light drizzle fell earlier which froze subsequently. Several staff had fallen and sustained injury. They are:

Frances Gerard, Reference
Jimmy Snyder, Building and Grounds
Edward Topliff, Circulation

The rest of us were lucky.

Sunday film showings were suspended because of small audiences. The projectionist will be assigned elsewhere,probably at the check-out desk where help is needed.

CROSS LANES BRANCH

Miss Peggy Karkos, Branch Librarian, commented, recently, that "no matter how bad the weather was (in January, 1982) the library was busy. It seemed to us the worse it got, the more people came. The one phrase they all repeated was, 'we've got to get something to read before we get snowed in.' I'm sure our location next to Krogers...made it convenient for them."

ELK VALLEY BRANCH

Miss Linda Hill, a resident of Chester, Virginia, an undergraduate of Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio, with a Master's Degree in library science awarded by Rosary College, River Forest, Illinois, visited Charleston recently as a candidate for the branch librarian's position. She was interviewed by a special committee composed of Jo Ellen Flagg, Lois Leasure, Franca Martin and Mary Frances Lee. The interview process and reference consultation were commendable.

Miss Hill will be employed effective January 11, 1982 as Branch Librarian, Elk Valley Branch Library.

MARMET BRANCH

Beginning Tuesday, March 2, 1982 the branch will open at 10:00 a. m. instead of 12:30 p. m. This positive move should correct any confusion caused previously. The branch will open at 10:00 a. m. each day, Tuesdays through Saturday and will add 25 hours of public service time from 35 hours to 37.5 hours weekly.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

The West Virginia Commission on Aging loaned to Kanawha County Public Library all of the oral history project tapes made by the late Library Board Member, Charles A. Williamson. Duplicate tapes were made of persons residing in Kanawha and Clay counties, state officials, doctors and educators. All of this "live" material will become a part of our oral/local history collection which in time and with indexing could become extremely useful and valuable.

SISSONVILLE BRANCH

The Branch observed its second annual open house on Saturday, January 23, 1982 from 12:00 noon to 2:30 p. m. The response to the invitations, published in The Charleston Gazette, Charleston Daily Mail and Sissonville Shopper's Guide and mailed with the Bank of Sissonville's monthly statements, obviously worked because 150 persons shared their time and interest with our library efforts.

Mr. Keith Edens, custodian, Flynn Elementary School, has been employed on a contingency basis to do snow removal work if/when the white stuff accumulates to any depth. His motorized snow plow makes things easy.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Wendrich

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

FEBRUARY 1982

The ninth annual Library Appreciation Dinner honoring Governor John D. Rockefeller IV and Members of the 65th West Virginia Legislature was a successful event held in the Charleston Civic Center attended by 610 persons, including 90 legislators. Joel Garreau, author of The Nine Nations of North America, was the speaker. In 1981, when the famous Senator Sam Irwin was present, there were 786 persons. In other years, crowds generally numbered 400/500 persons.

Kanawha County Public Library, in cooperation with Internal Revenue Service, is supplying its patrons with "how to do it" cassette tapes on completing federal income tax reports. This has been done previously to the great satisfaction of all.

A copy of the final edition of the Philadelphia Bulletin (Friday, January 29, 1982) was presented by a friend to Kanawha County Public Library and is on location in the Library Director's office.

MEN, WOMEN AND IDEAS sponsored by Kanawha County Public Library guided by June R. Martin, Chief, Reference Department, and partially funded by the Humanities Foundation of West Virginia, is a special effort aimed in the direction of the adult, out-of-school population. A good combination of reviewers, biography, cooperative weather and Tuesday afternoons at 2:00 p. m. generated so much enthusiasm that many of us were overwhelmed with the number of people in attendance. My "scoreboard," for the first three consecutive performances, showed that 102, 67 and 70 persons were present in a room which seats 60 people comfortably.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

The sculpture fountain is not in operation because of a break, somewhere, in the re-circulating return line. Several attempts have been made last Fall and this Spring to locate the problem. Strategy, following a review of blueprints, suggested that we look into easily accessible places to determine "where the leaks ain't" as one of our helpers stated recently. One interesting "archaeological discovery" - we saw what appeared to be a wall and steps which were a part of the previous building. Anyway, our latest guess is that the leak is somewhere under the concrete area but outside the fountain. We expect little or no damage to the slab because of the use of a concrete saw and its re-installation following repair.

CROSS LANES BRANCH

1. Illnessess, a transfer and a new job responsibility reduced to zero the current slate of officers of the Cross Lanes Library Board. However, the sudden set of circumstances did not allow us the luxury of "wringing our hands" while wondering what to do. Mr. Ron Similo (Past President), Peggy Karkos, (Branch Librarian) and I met once (February 16, 1982) and communicated, by telephone, frequently. The upshot, of the whole thing, is noted as follows:

a) Mr. Similo will serve as president, temporarily, and until a new election is held in the Spring, 1982.

b) A nominating committee will be appointed by Mr. Similo as soon as possible.

c) Miss Karkos and I will encourage the membership to become candidates.

Peggy Karkos was invited by Old Colony Realtors to write a brief history of the Branch Library which would become a part of a brochure to be distributed to prospective newcomers.

ELK VALLEY BRANCH

Elk Valley Library Board elected new officers. They are:

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| President: | Chelya Crouser (Mrs. Ray) |
| Vice President: | James Damron |
| Secretary/Treasurer: | Linda Hill (Branch Librarian) |

GLASGOW BRANCH

At a meeting held on Friday, February 19, 1982, with Mr. Peck Tucker, Mayor, Glasgow, I had proposed that the Town of Glasgow contribute 10% of the cost of branch operation for fiscal year 1982/1983. He agreed that it was a sound request and suggested that I submit the proposal in writing. Subsequently, by letter dated that same afternoon, the request for funding was submitted. Afterwards, almost in short order, a casual meeting with the Mayor in the County Court House and publication of the municipality's proposed budget for 82/83 confirmed that the amount, as specified, would be granted.

The Branch was closed at 5:00 p. m. on Tuesday, February 9, 1982 bad weather and horrible road conditions.

MARMET BRANCH

A valuable collection of valentines, owned by Mrs. Virginia Griffith of Marmet, was displayed in the Branch for several weeks.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

West Virginia Library Commission delivered brochures, bookmarks and posters in preparation for the series of biographical book review programs scheduled to begin Tuesday, February 16, 1982. Each program will be recorded and cassettes made available to interested patrons.

Mr. Jack Maurice, Contributing Editor, Charleston Daily Mail, reviewed Walter Lippmann and the 20th Century by Ronald Steele on Tuesday afternoon, February 16, 1982. It was the first in the series sponsored jointly by Kanawha County Public Library and The Humanities Foundation of West Virginia. A total of 112 persons attended thus crowding the room beyond its capacity.

Kanawha County Public Library is the only institution in West Virginia which provides Foundation Center service to intra and interstate patrons. The complete collection consists of books and microforms and are supplied to us without cost. Names and addresses of coal company foundations, for grant application purposes, are queries frequently asked.

ST. ALBANS BRANCH

Requests for back issues of magazines numbered 146 during the month of February, 1982. Most requests are made by high school/college students writing term papers. Some, of course, for other purposes such as recreational/leisure reading and reviewing feature articles in Consumer Reports.

SISSONVILLE BRANCH

A special YA (Young Adult) section was created recently with the addition of a paperback bookstand purchased by the Community Women's Club of Sissonville. The revolving stand is made-up of wire pockets of different sizes to hold paperback, hardbound books and such magazines as Young Miss, Seventeen, Young Athlete, Teen and Hot Rod. Reaction/comments from parents and teenagers has been favorable.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Kiniricki

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

MARCH 1982

BUILDING AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

The elusive break in the drain/re-circulating water line into/out of the Plaza fountain continues to be difficult to locate. Experts from the Water Company, with appropriate equipment, are baffled also. The best approach and one which is followed presently, is to isolate the water line section by section. The guiding principle, expressed by one of the workers, is that "we gotta find out where the leak ain't." So far, the break is not in the fountain area. Perhaps it is in the line closer to the building.

Mr. Fred Legg, custodian, resigned effective March 3, 1982.

Mr. Jimmie Snyder, custodian, was employed effective March 4, 1982. Snyder served previously in a part-time, hourly, capacity. He is a good and dedicated person who works hard and long. James Thomas, Building Superintendent, commented that Snyder was a "throw back" to the "old timey days."

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

A very special plateau was reached one day near the end of the month (March, 1982) when the 500,000th book was added to the collection. There was no official celebration of "popping" diet, soft drink bottles because we did not know until the additions and subtractions were made on March 31, 1982.

ELK VALLEY BRANCH LIBRARY

Nicholas Winowich and Joel Stern visited with Mrs. Chelya Crouser, President, Library Board, and with Linda Hill, Librarian on March 3, 1982

for the purpose of discussing relationships and obligations, chief of which, expressed to Mrs. Crouser, was the $3,500 annual obligation. The meeting was constructive and informative. Mrs. Crouser discussed plans to raise money through annual and substantial gift giving.

Nine framed art reproductions, some by Ray Harm and others, signed in several instances, were given to the Branch in memory and in honor of family and friends. They are:

NATURE PRINTS

"Robin" . . . . . Sallie Ellington Middleton

Donated by Arthur and Sibyl Myers, Golda Myers Skinner, Fred and Gretis Myers, Rick and Karen Myers and Patrick and Annette LeMaster in memory of Albert and Verna Bowe Myers.

"Purple Martin" . . . . . Ray Harm

Donated by Selma R. Griffeth in memory of Francis E. Griffeth.

"Blue Bird" . . . . . Ray Harm

Donated by U. Grant Copenhaver, H. Kemp Copenhaver, Colonel Joseph E. Copenhaver and Janetta Copenhaver Lynch in memory of Clarence H. "Tuck" and Lucy Perry Copenhaver.

"Mountain Quail" . . . . . Ray Harm

Donated by Flossie McMillan Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hoover, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Garold Hoover in memory of John Matthew and Gertrude Seafler Hoover.

"House Wren" . . . . . Ray Harm

Donated by Elinor McLaughlin in memory of Mary Virginia McLaughlin.

"Meadowlark" . . . . . Ray Harm

Donated by Elinor McLaughlin in memory of James Blaine and Almira Ballengee McLaughlin.

"Saw-whet Owls" . . . . . Don Whitlatch

Donated by Mr. and Mrs. James C. Smith in memory of O. V. Smith.

"Red-Shafted Flicker" . . . . . Guy Coheleach

Donated by Mr. and Mrs. James C. Smith in memory of Beulah Caldwell Smith.

"Cedar Waxwings" . . . . . Don Whitlatch

Donated by Gladis Baxter, Delmer Gwinn, Golda Kendall, Edana Hamilton (Cal.), Clara Cooms (Arizona), Pauline Medley, Lahoma Fierbaugh, Grover H. Pauley, and Clarous Pauley in memory of J. H. and Fannie Lacy Pauley.

"Blue Jay" . . . . . Ray Harm

Donated by Reverend Wendell W. Hoge (Ill.), Jean Moore Rhodes and Colleen Moore Kuhn in memory of Samuel Thomas and Virginia Riddle Hoge.

"Bobwhite Quail" . . . . . Don Whitlatch

Donated by Eloise Grimm, Lee Dreisbach (Md.), Mary DeLong (Fla.), W. Annette Massey and Chelya Crouser in memory of Robert Lee and Twila Pringle Massey.

"Turkeys" . . . . . Thomas J. Allen

Donated by Eunice Jackson Snyder (Fla.), Velva Jackson Copenhaver (Fla.), James W. Snyder (Fla.), and Mary Lou Snyder Vealey in memory of Reverend Charles B. and Mary A. Given Jackson.

"Flicker" . . . . . Ray Harm

Donated by John R. Hughes, Jr., and Betty Hughes (Va.), in memory of John R. Hughes, Virginia Massey Hughes and John L. Ramsey.

"Screech Owl" . . . . . Gene Gray

Anonymous gift to Elk Valley Branch Library.

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The property on which Elk Valley Branch Library is situate originally belonged to Samuel Thomas Hoge who was instrumental in having the first Baptist Church built in Big Chimney. The former old Baptist Church was later converted into the library.

ST. ALBANS BRANCH LIBRARY

The St. Albans Library Board purchased a Sharp-811 copier at a cost of $5,644. Additional purchase includes an annual maintenance contract of $585. It is in place and operating efficently and satisfactorily. The 3M copier, also purchased by the Library Board nearly six years ago, was beginning to malfunction with such regularity that it could not be depended

on. The St. Albans Library Board decided to replace the old machine to relieve the frustration its unreliability caused to patrons and staff.

Circulation of library materials continues to improve among children and adults. More teacher's collections were prepared and delivered to public and private schools in the St. Albans service area. Much of the growth in adult fiction can be attributed to the popularity of the paperback collection which has grown through purchase and gift.

Plans and specifications have been completed for the purchase and installation of carpeting in the Community Room (Auditorium) and draperies in the Harry A. White Room.

The Library Board agreed to purchase a telephone answering service at a cost of $100 for installation of equipment expected to take place sometine in June, 1982. The device will be used when the branch is closed and to announce special closings when they occur (storms, snow, hazardous driving conditions).

SISSONVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY

The Library Board is actively planning its annual July 4th to be held on Saturday, July 3, 1982 at the Sissonville High School site. Committees have been appointed to plan various events which will include some new activities. There will be more family games, and for the first time, a two mile run for fun will be held for children, women and men, each of whom will jog within a specific age bracket so that teenagers will compete, in time, with themselves rather than with more mature persons (over 40's).

The Friends of the Library group met recently to announce the conclusion of a very successful fund drive which raised $4,200. Mrs. Karney Tinney was elected president.

Mr. Frank Chambers, electrician and James Thomas, Building Superintendent, corrected and repaired several of the parking lot fixtures which refused to operate as designed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winiewich

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

APRIL 1982

West Virginia Library Commission announced that Grant-In-Aid for fiscal year 1982/1983 would be $2.52 per capita or $542,924. The original GIA appropriation for the preceeding year was $2.40 per capita or $517,070. (Does not include South Charleston.) The actual appropriation, however, was $2.28 per capita or $491,217 because state revenues were less than anticipated and agency funding was reduced by 5% for the half year.

A seminar on Automated Circulation and Control Systems was held at the St. Albans Branch Library on March 19-20, 1982. Attendance, including trustees, library staff and friends, numbered 80 persons; some of whom were from Elkins, Weirton and Wheeling. Vendors, who discussed "the state of the arts" and demonstrated their equipment were:

1. CLSI (Not an acronym. Previously known as Cambridge Library System, Inc.)
2. Dataphase
3. Gaylord
4. VPI (Virginia Tech)

The sucess of this event, sponsored by Kanawha County Public Library and West Virginia Library Association is due in a large measure, to the work of Steve Crowley (Dunbar), Peggy Palmer (St. Albans) and their respective staffs.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Finally, on April 8, 1982, after considerable attention by a whole host of experts, the break in the drain/re-circulation line leading to the sculpture/fountain was discovered after digging many "foxholes." The break was discovered in the left hand planter at the Capitol Street entrance but under its supporting wall. We were there, months ago, but never went underneath to look.

Shortly afterwards, repairs went quickly and everything fell into place. The fountain was "cranked-up" and everything functioned as designed by Robert Cronbach, Sculptor.

The custodial staff, principally James Thomas, Building Superintendent, and Spurgeon Hankins completed painting the Capitol Street stairwell, which earned the dubious distinction as the "DLW Project" (delay, linger and wait). Unfortunately, absences and other demands stretched time allowances from three days to two weeks.

CATALOG

A total of 2,215 books were added to the collection which numbers 502,437 volumes.

REFERENCE

Reluctantly, the cost of reproducing copy from microfilm/microfiche materials for library patrons was raised from 15 cents per copy to 20 cents per copy. Increased cost of materials and of service maintenance agreements were responsible for the change. However, copies made by the patron on the Xerox coin operated machine from books, magazines and newspapers remains at ten cents per copy.

CROSS LANES

Efforts to reconstitute the Cross Lanes Library Board continue to move forward. An organizational meeting was held at the Library to encourage membership on the Library board as-well-as to secure a new slate of officers.

Registrars from the County Clerk's office were provided space on April 8 and April 10, 1982 for the purpose of registering new voters.

ELK VALLEY

The new Elk Valley Library Board, Mrs. Chelya Crouser, President, is now in place and functioning. Their major effort will be to "shake the money tree" "up Elk" in support of their $3500.00 annual obligation.

Twelve exceptional and valuable prints, some signed by Ray Harm, were presented to the Library in memory/honor of Elk Valley friends and family. The frames will carry a special bronze plaque to identify each donor and to recognize the person being memorialized/honored. Mrs. Chelya Crouser secured the gifts which will be mounted for exhibit in both adult and children's areas.

ST. ALBANS

A special four week program for pre-schoolers entitled "Spring Fling" was conducted during the month of April, 1982. These sessions were intended to introduce four and five year old children to the wonders of science and to create an awareness of the season's new life processes. Topics discussed were: weather, plant life, insects and animals. Eight sessions were held with an average attendance of 15 children.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winonich

REPORT OF DIRECTOR

FOR

MAY 1982

We are pleased to announce receipt of a gift of $1,5000.00 from Hotel Kanawha Company in support of the Library's new exterior lighting project. The letter from Angus Peyton and James F. Brown stated that "we feel this is a very worthwhile project and appreciate the continued efforts [of the Library] to make our neighborhood more attractive."

The Library's special series of programs entitled, MEN, WOMEN AND IDEAS, partially funded by the Humanities Foundation of West Virginia, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities, was successful because of several reasons:

1. Attendance was greater than anticipated. The average size of audience numbered 59.5 persons in an Auditorium (The John V. Ray Room) which seats 60 comfortably. Many sessions were SRO with a "spill-over" reaching into the third floor lobby (outside of the Children's Department.)
2. The audience was targeted as adult, out-of-school and non-working. There were more women than men; many of whom were retired teachers and homemakers.
3. Speakers were delightful, articulate and knowledgeable employing a full range of communication skills; oral, visual through slides and film and sound via phonograph recordings. It is a pleasure to identify each and listed in chronological order:

Jack Maurice
Lillian Wilson
John F. Suter
R. Terrance Rodgers
J. Zeb Wright
Rev. Ronald W. English
Dolly Sherwood
Margaret Wright
Rev. Daniel Mendling
Rebecca Godfrey
Della Brown Taylor
Eugene Harper

4. June R. Martin, Project Director, devoted many hours of skillful effort, putting everything in place, on time and with class.

The commercial grade, 100% wool carpeting installed in December, 1966, was finally replaced in May, 1982 with a synthetic fiber of nylon/Antron manufactured by Armstrong which is expected to wear like iron, to remain looking like new, and to clean with ease. Some sections of the old carpeting became threadbare because of heavy traffic (near the check-out counter) and on the way to the Reference Desk. These pieces will be discarded. Much of the remainder will be cleaned and re-cycled for use in other parts of the building.

Painting of the first floor, mezzanine and fourth floor corridor was completed satisfactorily.

Several personnel attended the 9th annual Library Skills workshop sponsored jointly by the West Virginia Library Commission and Marshall University. They are:

Maria Farley, Special Clerk, Glasgow Branch
Sue Copen, Special Clerk, Cross Lanes Branch
Cortez Johnson, Special Clerk, Adult Circulation
Shirley Smyth, Junior Clerk, Elk Valley Branch
Paula McCormick, Junior Clerk, Adult Circulation
Wanda Good, Junior Clerk, Dunbar Branch

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Pamela Stebbins, Assistant Librarian, resigned effective June 15, 1982 in preparation of the couple's first baby. Mrs. Stebbins began working for Kanawha County Public Library on September 1, 1979.

CROSS LANES

The Library Board at Cross Lanes is alive, well and functioning. Many users and friends have told Peggy Karkos, Branch Librarian, of their willingness to serve on the Library Board and/or as officers, if elected.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

The Reference Department collection of materials was enriched with the acquisition of New York Times microfilm, including indices, from January, 1913 through December 31, 1932. This makes it possible, for example, for the student of history to research World War I.

Mr. Eugene Fleisher and Mr. Jack Kelly, staff librarians, were interviewed by the Reference Department Search Committee (June Martin, Chief, Joel Stern and Sara Sue Wright.) Other candidates will be interviewed later with the expectation that the new, additional librarian will be employed effective July 1, 1982.

SISSONVILLE BRANCH

The Sissonville Branch Library was closed at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19, 1982 because of an infestation of fleas brought involuntarily into the building by unsuspecting patrons. Mr. Thomas, building superintendent, armed with several cans of insect foggers, fumigated the place quickly, easily and effectively.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Ahnimch

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR

JUNE 1982

I am pleased to report that the Library's NOW checking account at the Charleston National Bank, where Public Library Funds are deposited by Kanawha County Schools, has earned $1,803.31 between March 22, 1982 and June 30, 1982. No interest income could be generated by checking accounts until a recent ruling by the Federal Reserve which made this opportunity possible. Our practice, always, has been to make cash balances work for us through NOW and/or investments.

Joel Stern explained the Library's policy statement on Vacation, Sick Leave and Compensatory Time to staff on June 24 and June 28, 1982.

Seven staff members attended a series of CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) programs sponsored by the American Red Cross. Each of the graduates feels confident that he/she could handle a breathing, choking or heart problem if/when one occurs.

CROSS LANES BRANCH LIBRARY

An election of officers of the Library Board of Directors, Cross Lanes Branch Library, was held recently. Elected were the following:

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| President: | Jane Lowen |
| Vice President: | Pam Gray |
| Secretary: | Mary Thaxton |
| Treasurer: | Naomi Roberts |

Noble Order of Bookworm (NOOB) certificates were awarded to 293 boys and girls; each of whom read 30 public library books during the 1981/1982 school year.

ELK VALLEY BRANCH LIBRARY

The problem of water seepage into the downstairs area (contained in the closet/office area) has been accentuated by heavy rains. An application of a waterproofing sealer and use of a dehumidifier have reduced but not eliminated the problem.

Mr. Thomas, building superintendent, remains confident that he will be able to stop the leak(s). For example, several planters, resting near the problem area will have drain plugs inserted to eliminate excess water, ground separations will be sealed and caulked and some places will be slanted/sloped so that rain will run off onto highway rather than collect into "baby lakes" along building wall.

ST. ALBANS BRANCH LIBRARY

Circulation of library materials, among children and adult readers, continues at an accelerated pace. More people are "signing-up" for borrower's card and taking home more books. June, 1982, for example, witnessed a special happening when, for the first time, more than 10,000 volumes were circulated in any one month. Like the 4 minute mile the barrier "bit the dust."

Carpeting in the Community Room on low bid of $2,845.00 by Cedar Grove Furniture Co. was nearly completed. Some additional material was required to cover the stage steps.

Installation of new draperies in the Harry A. White Room are scheduled to be completed my mid-July, 1982. A purchase was made on low bid of $684.72 submitted by Capitol Business Interiors.

The Library Board purchased a telephone answering device which was installed recently. The equipment answers the telephone when the Library is closed and announces, by tape recording, the hours the Branch is open. The message invites patrons to call back and or visit on the next occasion.

SISSONVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY

The Woman's Club of Sissonville purchased a handsome functional exhibit case which was installed recently in the vestibule area. The purpose of the gift was to "showcase" the community with a focus on art, crafts and photography created by local residents or organizations.

Valley Gardens, Inc. of Hurricane, West Virginia, completed, on low bid of $2,090.00, the plantings and landscape project created by Mr. Jeff Nelson, Landscape Architect. The library site is attractive and, without exception, everyone was pleased.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Winnick

REPORT OF DIRECTOR

FOR

JULY 1982

All of us are pleased with the SMILE Don Springer received from the Charleston Gazette, Saturday morning, July 31, 1982.

The Charleston Gazette, Saturday, July 31, 1982

# Smiles

To Don Springer, who recently stepped down as president of the board of directors of the Kanawha County Library.

Diogenes, had he looked in Charleston, West Virginia, would have found the "honest man." A letter postmarked July 7, 1982 and addressed to the Kanawha County Public Library carried a five dollar bill with this note attached:

> "Money for two books stolen several years ago. I cannot locate the books now and I am very sorry. I believe this money will replace the books.
>
> Anon"

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

The Walkway/Promenade, the pedestrian sidewalk connecting Summers and Capitol Streets separating KB&T, Arcade Building and the Charleston Job Corps Center, from the Library property, continues to give us concern about safety and maintenance. Vehicles continue to climb the curb to make deliveries to several shops, mostly in the Arcade. There has been incidences of parking personal vehicles. Stern and I have talked with people and written letters asking voilators to make other arrangements. No luck, so far. That walkway

is used heavily by pedestrians, one of whom might slip on grease/oil drip dropped by car, truck or van. Additionally, some of the concrete slabs are beginning to show cracks. Our concern is that when it comes time to repair/replace these slabs, since it is Library property, those costs will come out of our pocket.

We are getting our "ducks in a row" and expect to make recommendations to our Building and Grounds Committee.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT

A total of 1,465 books were processed in July and added to the collection which numbers 506,719 volumes.

CROSS LANES BRANCH LIBRARY

APPLE BOOKS is a new book store in Cross Lanes and it has promised to give 10% of its sales proceeds to the Cross Lanes Branch Library during the period of July 31 and August 7, 1982.

ELK VALLEY BRANCH LIBRARY

Elk Valley Branch Library observed its Fifth Anniversary on July 13, 1982 with an open house and reception from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. There were no speeches. However, appropriate remarks were conveyed by Mrs. Chelya Crouser, President, Library Board. Refreshments were served.

The saga of the "weepy wall" continues in spite of expert advice, use of a dehumidifier, redirected flow of downspouts, new holes in planters (which, incidentally, are located near the critical outside wall) and tar application in cracks (where pavement joins building wall). So far, no good.

Some things which we may need to do include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Resurfacing area in front of building so that rain will drain from building to street rather than remain in puddles.

2. Reopen or replace french drains currently in place, which may have been obstructed when New York Central tracks were removed and bulldozing of the right of way and installation of a sanitary sewer connection by the Elk-Pinch Public Service District were achieved.

3. Before any measures are taken, however, Bob Wilson, architect, will be invited to inspect situation and to make recommendation which will be referred to Building and Grounds Committee (John Santrock, Chair).

July, 1982 set a new for circulation of library materials. It was the first time that more than 5,000 items were borrowed for home use. There were no unique one-day highs. It was just a continuous string of busy days.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

Sylvia Newman (Mrs. Robert) was employed as Reference Librarian, Assistant, effective July 26, 1982. She earned her undergraduate/graduate degrees from Rutgers University and from the University of Kentucky. Mrs. Newman was employed previously by Kanawha County Public Library as a part-time, temporary employee.

Other departmental librarians are: Frances Gerard, June Martin, Chief, and Gretchen Schwinger.

ST. ALBANS BRANCH LIBRARY

The summer reading club program for children, begun in June, 1982, continues to attract hundreds of boys and girls.

The carpeting installation has been completed satisfactorily. One panel of the draperies, installed in the Harry A. White Room, is a bit too long. The vendor has acknowledged the condition and promised to rehem and rehang the panel.

SISSONVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY

The Branch Library's 4th of July celebration was held on the 3rd at Sissonville High School. The weather was reasonably good with a few sprinkles and threatening clouds applying some "left-handed" pressure upon the schedule followers. Even at that, the day long crowd enjoyed good food and soft drinks (some of which were home made), music, singing, dancing, book sale, flea market, pony rides, etc. The new event was the "Fun Run." There were 67 registrants; the youngest was two and Dr. John Pianfetti who had more maturity than anyone else in the race. John, some will recall, served as a member of this Library Board of Directors from March 1951 to April 1960.

Residents and friends continue to say nice things about the Library's plants, plantings and landscaping. Comments included such "one-worders" as: super, great, OK, handsome, lovely and beautiful.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winnrich

NO REPORTS OF THE DIRECTORS FOR AUGUST 1982 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1985 WERE WRITTEN

REPORT OF DIRECTOR

FOR

OCTOBER 1985

The 68th annual conference of the West Virginia Library Association was held in Morgantown, West Virginia, on October 10-12, 1985 at the Sheraton Lakeview Inn. Representing Kanawha County Public Library were the following:

Gary L. Ellis, Chairman
Trustees Section

Virginia Goode, Speaker
"Library Personnel Policies"

Joel Stern, Speaker
"Library Use of Micro-Computer Spread Sheets"

Charles McMorran, President
West Virginia Library Association

Sara Thompson, Chair
National Library Week Committee

Also present were: Steve Crowley, Dunbar; Sylvia Newman, Adult Circulation; and Nicholas Winowich.

Mr. Ellis served as Task Force Chair on the revision of a Trustees Manual; copies of which were distributed to persons attending the Trustees sessions and a draft of which will be made available, subsequently, to members of the Kanawha County Public Library Board of Directors. Mr. Ellis said,

> "West Virginia law has established the library board of trustees as an important component in the government of libraries. Yet the duties of the board, or its individual members have never been clearly defined or explained. This handbook will try to fill that gap and will serve as a reference manual for all public library boards, so they may feel secure and comfortable in their positions."

Membership in West Virginia Library Association totals 670 persons nearly 1/2 of whom (298) were registered and in attendance at this conference.

Next year, the 1986 annual conference of West Virginia Library Association is scheduled to be held at The Greenbrier, November 6-8, 1986.

Bomb threat and fire alarm procedures were reviewed and strengthened. Several "scares", to other buildings, recently, got our attention and how "we" were going to deal with the problem if/when "it" happened. Ms. Ginny Goode, Personnel Officer and Mr. Edward Clark, Security, are staff-in-charge. Several "hand holding" and "show and tell" sessions have been held with staff in order to reduce fear and trembling while sustaining safety and assurance.

The replacement of dead and dying plantings along Capitol & Quarrier Streets would cost $1,932.30. The low cost and good buy was made possible by the City of Charleston when it permitted Kanahwa County Public Library to "piggy back" the Municipal beatification Department who handled the hard work involving bidding, specifications and evaluations. The cost would pay for new plants, removal of existing plantings and the 12 inches of old soil. Afterwards, the beatification Department would install all plantings, add 12 inches of fresh, conditioned soil, fertilize and mulch the new area.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Winnicki

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